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**MINUTES  
of the  
STONY FORK MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
North Carolina  
1976**

ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

BOONE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 10, 1976

and with

DOE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH  
August 11, 1976



Next session will be held with Laurel Fork Baptist Church, Route 4, Boone, N. C., August 16, 1977. Annual message by Raymond Hendrix, and Basil Tester, alternate.  
Second day will be held at Laytown Baptist Church, Route 5, Box 324, Lenoir, N. C., August 1977. The annual message by Max West, and alternate Lloyd Hoilman.

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# SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1977 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Morning Session, August 16, 1977  
LAUREL FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

00	Call to Order.....	Charles Craig
15	Song.....	Congregation
20	Devotional.....	Max West
30	Adoption of Program	
35	Roll Call.....	Clerk
40	Recognition of New Pastors and Workers.....	Associational Missionary
45	Evangelism.....	Lloyd Hoilman
00	Cooperative Program.....	Basil Tester
15	Home Missions.....	Nancy Woods
25	State Missions.....	Rosetta Hollifield
35	Foreign Missions.....	Edna Gragg
45	Associational Missionary	
55	Annual Message.....	Raymond Hendrix
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45	Hospital Report.....	Mamie Craig
00	Benediction	
	Lunch	

## Tuesday Afternoon Session

00	Song.....	Congregation
05	Devotional.....	Basil Tester
15	Christian Education.....	Christine Critcher
25	Religious Literature.....	Shelby Miller
35	Brotherhood.....	Keith Perry
45	Training Union.....	Roy Gryder
55	Stewardship.....	Max West
05	Annuity.....	Doris Miller
15	Baptist Foundation.....	Roy Woodie
25	Discussion	
00	Adjourn	

Wednesday Morning Session, August 17, 1977  
LAYTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

00	Call to Order.....	Charles Craig
05	Song.....	Congregation
10	Devotional.....	Phillip Martin
20	WMU.....	Doris Tester
30	Temperance and Morals.....	A. C. Moody
40	Vacation Bible School.....	Betty Woods
50	Finance Report.....	Barbara West
00	Home for Aged.....	Gaither Greene
05	Children's Home.....	Kenneth Brown
10	Sunday School.....	Carroll Woods
20	Annual Message.....	Max West
	Alternate.....	Lloyd Hoilman
00	Executive Report.....	Charles Craig
00	Resolutions.....	Gaither Greene and Gary Hawkins

11:50	Obituaries.....	Bonnie Wa
12:00	Election of Officers	
12:10	Benediction	
12:20	Lunch	

# Directory of the Association

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, N	
Vice-Moderator.....	Basil Tester, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
Clerk.....	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
Associational Missionary.....	E. O. Bustle, Rt. 2, Newland, N. C.	286
Associational BTU Director.....	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
Assistant.....	Gaither Greene, Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	286
Associational WMU Director.....	Doris Tester, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
Associational Brotherhood.....	Keith Perry, Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	286
Associational VBS Worker.....	Betty Woods, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	286
Associational S. S. Supt.....	Carroll Woods, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	286
Assistant.....	William Brown, Rt. 4, Box 161A, Boone, N. C.	286
Associational Evangelism Chm.....	Lloyd Hoilman, Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.	286
Associational Music Director.....	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone, N. C.	286
Associational Pianist.....	Jill Triplett, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	286
Associational Stewardship Chm.....	Max West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N	

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Max West.....	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
A. C. Moody.....	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	286
Barbara West.....	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Lloyd Hoilman.....	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.	286
Dean Hodges.....	Rt. 2, Vilas, N. C.	286
Barbara West.....	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock N. C.	286

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Lloyd Hoilman Chm.....	Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.	286
Carroll Woods.....	Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	286
Basil Tester.....	Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
E. O. Bustle.....	Rt. 2, Newland, N. C.	286

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Basil Tester Chm.....	Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286
Charles Craig.....	Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, N. C.	286
A. C. Moody.....	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	286
Dean Hodges.....	Rt. 2, Vilas, N. C.	286
Carroll Woods.....	Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	286
Gaither Greene.....	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	286
Barbara West.....	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	286

## TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

A. C. Moody.....	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Dean Hodges.....	Rt. 2, Vilas, N. C.	28692
Fritz Dula.....	Rt. 5, Lenoir, N. C.	28645

## RESOLUTIONS

Gaither Greene.....	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Gary Hawkins.....	Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645

## ORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Ordination Committee will be made up of each Pastor from each affiliated Church.  
Rev. A. C. Moody is the chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk  
and Associational Missionary.

## DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

Bailey Camp: Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Harmon.  
Boone Fork: Elizabeth Ruppert, Doris Ruppert, Esther Coffey, Maggy Earp, Alma Barton, and Rosetta Hollifield.  
Doe Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Junior Eldreth, Walter Tester, and Rev. Gilbert Ward.  
Laurel Fork: Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Greene, Mrs. Martha Ford, Rev. Marvin Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Miller, and Robert J. Coffey.  
Laytown: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Triplett, Mrs. Glenda Dillard, Mrs. Zora Dillard, Mr. Fritz Dula, and Rev. Melvin Maltba.  
Long Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoilman and Lousie Anthony.  
Mount Ephriam: Olen Miller, Virgil Cox, and Virgil Greer.  
Mount Paron: None Listed.  
Mount Vernon: Rev. A. C. Moody, Vance Hartley, Christine Critcher, Betty Greene, Winifred Hampton, Edna Gragg, and Beulah Cook.  
Rock Springs: Mr. Carroll Woods, Mr. Tom Simmons, Miss Irene Dula, Miss Jill Triplett, and Mrs. Delores Dove.  
Sandy Flat: Donna Foster, Lynn Craig, and Myra Townsend.  
Watauga: Mont Teague, Verilee Teague, Marl Aldridge, Johnny Townsend, Ruth Townsend, Ray Franklin and Barbara Franklin.  
Yellow Hill: Coy Church, Ray Church, Olin Swift, Leah Church, Mary Church, and Dorthy Swift.

# Constitution

## OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, subject to amendment:

## ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this body is the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

## ARTICLE II—Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Association shall be to assist in the cooperation of Missionary Baptist Churches. The Association shall promote evangelism, fellowship, missions, and Christian Education in the area of the Association; and at the same time cooperating with other associations, the Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention in all work of the Southern Baptist.

## ARTICLE III—Membership

The Association shall consist of Messengers who are members of affiliated churches as follows:

- (1) Each Church of the Association shall be entitled to five (5) messengers and every church having one hundred members shall be entitled to six (6) messengers, and one additional messenger for every fifty (50) thereafter provided that number does not exceed ten (10).
- (2) Pastors of affiliated churches.
- (3) Duly elected officers of the Association.
- (4) All ordained ministers who are members of the affiliated churches.

## ARTICLE IV—Affiliated Churches

Section 1. Baptist Churches shall be received into fellowship only after having been under the watchcare of the Association for one year. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Moderator, who shall entertain the proper motion and by majority vote receive such church under watchcare.

Section 2. Any church under the watchcare bring an authenticated letter (Regular Letter Form) to the next Annual Association.

Section 3. Baptist churches who are affiliated with and in fellowship with other Baptist Associations may become affiliated with this Association without coming under the watchcare by a majority vote.

Section 4. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interests but in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or policy.

Section 5. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two (2) consecutive years, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to confer with the church, and a satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the Association, the Association by a majority of its messengers casting ballots may withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

## ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Evangelism, Associational Missionary and V. B. S. Superintendent.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected from the floor by a majority vote at each Annual Meeting. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall not serve in the same capacity for more than two successive years.

Section 3. Other stated Associational Officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator and Vice Moderator subject to approval of the majority of messengers present.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven members, three of whom will be the Moderator, Vice Moderator and Clerk. The Vice Moderator shall be Chairman. The Associational Missionary shall be an ex officio member.

#### ARTICLE VI—Officers, Representatives and Reports

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall bring to the Annual Meeting a list of the following for nomination. This is in no way to preclude nominations from the floor.

- 1) Officers: Associational Sunday School Superintendent  
Associational Brotherhood President  
Associational Training Union Director  
Associational Music Director  
Chairman of Evangelism  
Associational W. M. U. President to be elected by the Associational W. M. U. and the name given to the Nominating Committee.

- 2) Representatives:

North Carolina Baptist Hospital  
North Carolina Children's Homes  
North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging  
Denominational Colleges (Christian Education)  
Denominational Literature (Religious Literature)  
Annuity Board  
(Any other so designated by the Association)

- 3) Reports:

Home Missions  
State Missions  
Foreign Missions  
Stewardship  
Cooperative Program  
Obituaries  
Temperance and Morals

#### ARTICLE VII—Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Missionary.

Section 2. The Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. He shall call a meeting of Executive Committee as soon after the Annual Meeting as possible to select the other members of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall select the following Committees:

1) Finance Committee. This committee shall be composed of four (4) members including the Associational Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the Treasurer in guiding the churches to give systematically to Associational work, inform the churches when there is not enough money to meet our obligations, to encourage a special day offering to Associational Missions, and to see that the Associational Clerk is duly compensated.

2) Time, Place and Preacher. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations as to where the Association shall meet and designate who is to preach the annual sermons.

3) Program Committee. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members, two of whom shall be the Associational Clerk and Missionary.

4) Resolutions Committee. This committee shall be composed of two (2) members. It shall be their duty to present to the Association such resolutions as Thanks, Gratitude and such resolutions they shall deem in order.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between the annual meetings in conformity with the expressed decisions of the Association.



Section 5. Any other committee deemed necessary by the Association shall also be selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times between Annual Sessions. Those present shall constitute a quorum after all members have been notified. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to give such notice.

## ARTICLE VIII—Parliamentary Law

Section 1. The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law" where not otherwise specified by this Constitution or its By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX—Doctrinal Statement

The New Testament is the sole authority for the faith and practice of this Association. We believe the Bible is God's Word.

It shall be understood that ministry or membership in this Association means embracing and supporting, along with other Christian tenets equally or comparably vital the following doctrinal emphasis: The Divine inspiration, supremacy, and authority of the Scriptures. The Scripture shall be the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

The Deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutional death, bodily resurrection, ascension, the premillennial coming of Christ; likewise the sovereignty of God, the total depravity of man, the absolute necessity of regeneration; Scriptural believers baptism by immersion; prerequisite to church membership; the Lord's Supper administered by the local church; local church as an autonomous body; separated from the world in Christian deportment; doctrine of the Trinity as Scripturally maintained; the rapture of the church as the Christian hope; the resurrection of the body of Christians concurrent with the rapture; the earthly reign of Christ; the ultimate judgment of the impenitent; a heaven of eternal duration for the saved and the eternal punishment in hell for the unsaved.

## ARTICLE X—Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any Annual session by a vote of two thirds of the messengers voting provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Executive Committee two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS

### Article I—Meetings

The Association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in August.

### Article II—Duties of Officers

1. Moderator and Vice Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall be members of the Executive Committee and ex officio members of all standing committees. They shall make appointments as provided for in the constitution.

2. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Association and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed minutes of the Association. He shall maintain necessary forms and letters to the Clerks of Churches affiliated with the Association.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipts, and distribution of monies. He will keep a record of both and make an annual report to the Association.

4. The Sunday School Superintendent shall direct and promote the Sunday School program.

5. The Training Union Director shall direct and promote the Training Union Program.

6. The Brotherhood President shall direct and promote the Brotherhood Program.

7. W. M. U. President shall direct and promote the W. M. U. Program.
8. The Vacation Bible School Superintendent shall direct and promote the V. B. S. work, encouraging each church to have a V. B. S.
9. The Music Director shall direct and promote the music ministry of the Association. He shall be present to direct the music at each annual meeting and other Associational functions. He shall have power to choose the Association Pianist. The name of the pianist shall be given to the Clerk as soon as possible after choosing.
10. The Chairman of Evangelism shall direct and promote the program of Evangelism in the Association.
11. The Associational Missionary shall work with the pastors and the department heads of the Association. He shall work to the end that all affiliated churches become involved in all Associational endeavor, but shall at no time go beyond the pastors and officers of the church to hold meetings of any nature in the churches.
12. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Brotherhood President, W. M. U. President, V. B. S. Superintendent, Chairman of Evangelism and Associational Missionary shall each give a report at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

### Article III—Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator.
3. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject without the expressed consent of the Association.
4. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.
5. Any messenger failing to make an assigned report except for a valid reason shall not be assigned to the program for the next Annual Session.
6. All other Decorum not listed here shall be found as provided for in the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1.

### Article IV—Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two thirds vote of messengers voting provided the amendment has been read at least one hour prior to the vote.

## Proceedings

### TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

On August 10, 1976, The Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Dean Hodges. He welcomed all to Boone Fork Baptist Church which was the host church for the 115th annual session of the association for the first day.

Rev. A. C. Moody led in prayer. The Congregation sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Rev. Dean Hodges had devotional reading from the 6th chapter of Ephesians, verse 11-20. His comments—Do what God calls you to do. We must not stand still, we must combine our forces against evil. Christ is still with us, we can hold on to him. Without Christ we are nothing. Let's do our best for God. Look to him and he will lead us. Rev. Raymond Hendrix led in prayer.

After some changes were made the program was adopted.

The roll was called with 11 of the 16 churches being represented.

Rev. E. O. Bustle recognized the following new pastors: Max West—Laurel Fork Baptist Church, Gilbert Ward—Doe Ridge Baptist Church, Melvin Maltba—Laytown Baptist Church, Philip Martin—Bailey Camp Baptist Church.

The following reports were all moved for adoption and approved after being read.

## EVANGELISM

If we are to lead our churches into an evangelistic program or to have a revival in our churches in America, I believe we are going to have to use New Testament Evangelistic characteristics.

One of these characteristics is Joy. Paul says, May the Lord give you joy always. I say again rejoice! Rejoice that your name is written in the lambs book of life. Rejoice in the glory of the gospel. Rejoice in the mighty acts of salvation in God. Rejoice in the church, the body of Christ Jesus. Rejoice in the responsibility you have as a Christian.

Another of these is Optimism: In Romans 8:37 Paul says, No in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us. I believe that is, a Christian needs to compromise it is between optimism and pessimism. God's miracles are all around us if we have eyes to see. Only those who have been born again see the kingdom of God and his Christ.

The Bible says in Matthew 28: 18-20 Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Teaching then to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the world.

It is our hope and our prayer that we shall continue to have a strong increase in baptisms this year in our association, if our baptisms are to increase we must delight in searching the scriptures and proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ. May I ask you to pray earnestly for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the total ministry of evangelism in our churches, our association, our convention, our nation, and our world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lloyd Hoilman

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

St. John: Chapter 17 verse 18 says "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." We believe the Cooperative Program is God's plan to get the message of salvation to a lost world. The Cooperative Program is the local churches working together to carry our Lord's command to be a witness for him to all of the world. The churches are giving more each year for the work, but there are some local churches not giving anything to send the gospel to all the world. Last year the churches of the Stony Fork Association gave 2,803 to the Cooperative Program, eight churches giving. This year six of our churches gave \$3,122.

Respectfully submitted,  
Basil Tester

Mr. Tester spoke to this report. The Cooperative Program is the local churches cooperating together. The Cooperative Program finances the work of our missionaries. It is God's plan that we cooperate together with other churches to carry out the mission of Christ. The devil cannot stop us from carrying the gospel, if Jesus is in it. We are to carry the gospel at home and abroad. A lost world cannot be saved until they hear the word. I challenge each church to tithe through the Cooperative Program. What will you do? One tenth of your income and you can do so much more.

## HOME MISSIONS

Do your neighbors know you love them? Have you ever told them of your love for them? Or have you shown your love for them? Just imagine the results if 12 (twelve million Southern Baptist in fifty states suddenly began expressing the reconciling love of Jesus Christ to their neighbors. Then think of the possibilities of change for good if Baptist in 85 countries start demonstrating this same quality of care.



Communities without need for some special ministry are far. Most any concerned Christian can look around him and discover many opportunities for mission services. This is the basic ingredient of Home Mission.

Jesus came into this world on a mission to teach, preach, and heal. He left an example for us to follow. 1. To seek God's will. 2. To pray God's will be done. 3. To win the lost to Christ, and help those who are in need—rich or poor. Jesus said the soul was the greatest possession in the world.

Jesus died for souls, mens, womens, boys, and girls. If we would believe what Jesus said we would be trying to rescue dying souls at home and surrounding communities. St. Luke 14:23. And the Lord said unto the servants, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Ruppert

## STATE MISSIONS

Too often Baptist people think of missions on the other side of the world, but the plain facts are this, North Carolina is a mission field. Mission needs exist in and around home as well as broad. State Missions help in resort areas, Indian reservations, shopping centers, correctional centers, inner-city projects, child care centers college campus, migrant work camps, and military centers. State Missions also help in local church associations, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, or anywhere people meet to prepare to meet needs.

State Missions are supported by the Cooperative Program and the annual State Mission offering taken up in September. The 1976 State Mission offering goal is \$400,000. The distribution of the offering approved by the State Convention, is as follows: \$175,000 for the basic mission budget, \$43,000 for the class room building at Fruitland Baptist Institute, \$72,000 for the Caraway conference center, 10,000 for special mission projects, and 100,000 or all over basic \$300,000 amount to long range planning development at N. C. Baptist Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Beatrice Brown

Mrs. Brown spoke briefly to this report. We all must see a vision; do all that we can while we are here. Our time surely must be short. Let's do what we can for God now. Our State Mission offering is taken up in September.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Southern Baptist have always been interested in Foreign Missions. We would like to know that every nation has had a chance to hear the gospel and to know that Christ is their saviour. We can not all go, but by giving of our money that, others can go; also, that the scriptures be printed in their language, we are helping to carry out the great commission.

We know that may churches, hospitals, and schools have been built by the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings. We as Christians have opportunity as well as the responsibility to help carry on the mission work. We might say, blessed are those who are sensitive enough to their world that they can have their hearts broken by things that broke God's heart. May we all do more to promote mission work of all kinds during the next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosetta Hollifield

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

This has been another great year for the Lord! I have seen some dreams come true in the field of Missions. Since 1966 to 1975 there has been a nine year report that we have had an increase in overall giving to the churches \$90,175 dollars. Some one has heard the message of tithing! Over-all mission increase was \$11,976. Some one has heard the Mission Message in seems. Also, \$2,002 increase in Cooperative Program (when it used to be a bad word) to some people.

So I am looking for greater things to take place in our Associations. Because the association is the first step from the church, to the whole world. Let us strengthen the first step . . . and all the others will be stronger.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. O. Bustle

Mr. Bustle spoke following these reports. Our world missions conference will be in 1978. There is nothing that God cannot handle, if we only leave it all up to him. Each church should set aside a certain amount for the Associational Missionary; May of next year I will resign my post here as Associational Missionary. I will always remember the people in the Stony Fork Association. Pray for me as I go out and as I complete my work in this association.

The annual message was by Rev. A. C. Moody, reading from the 23rd Chapter of Luke, verse 33-38. Theme: Christ is our King. Our Lord was born a king. At 12 years of age he was a king and at 30 he was king over the devil. Jesus is the king over soul, body, and nature, we must not forget these things. He is also king over death and the grave. We are ambassadors for Christ; we are left to carry out the things that he left us to do. Go carry the Commission willingly. Preach the gospel as it is. If we do these things we will have unity, fellowship, and peace. Christ is our coming King. He is coming, prophecy declares it. Joel said "I know my redeemer." In the 14th chapter of John he promised to come back. In Revelations John saw him coming. We must crown him King and Lord of our lives. Christ is coming again.

## HOSPITAL REPORT

"Christian stewardship" is a phrase frequently heard in staff meetings at Baptist Hospital. The hospital's leadership holds to a philosophy of administration based on stewardship and tries to pass this on to all employees. A continuing effort is made to help each employee whatever his particular job, to realize that he is part of a team involved in a Christian ministry of healing. The difference this makes in the whole atmosphere of the hospital is evident to patients and visitors.

This sense of stewardship demands a continual updating and upgrading of medical procedures to assure patients the highest quality care. One of the most significant recent developments is the creation of a department of Family Medicine. This department provides primary health care for a limited number of families, that is, the kind of all-round, ongoing health care normally provided by a family physician. At the same time the department offers training in family medicine for physicians who will enter this field of practice. This will help to balance the trend of recent years toward increased specialization in the practice of medicine.

Many of the physicians training in family medicine are receiving part of their clinical experience in small towns and rural communities under the auspices of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), created by the State legislature. It is believed and hoped that some of them will choose to remain in these areas for their permanent practice.

Improvement of physical facilities is another expression of the hospital's sense of stewardship. In recent months renovation of the west and south wings of the hospital has been completed; construction has been completed on an addition to the water-chilling facilities; construction has begun on a 4-level parking deck in front of Reynolds Tower which will provide approximately 800 parking spaces for visitors; and construction has begun on a new building to house the new department of Family Medicine.

The Pastoral Care Department continues to make its contributions toward the fulfillment of its stewardship. A chaplain is assigned to each area of the hospital and is responsible for providing a pastoral ministry to patients, staff and visitors in that area. There are capacity enrollments in all phases of the Clinical Pastoral Education programs. A third satellite has opened in Morganton during the past year.

Mother's Day Gifts for the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$405,946.52 compared to a total of \$390,000 for the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mamie Craig

Mr. Calvin Knight was present to talk about the Baptist Hospital. They have a staff of 2,500. They now have a scanner that scans the whole body. The brain scanner that they have has helped to save a lot of lives. We have a new family practice unit, also more and more specialists are coming in to the hospital. We help train family physicians at the hospital. We have a department of pastoral care for the patients that are in the hospital, they help to meet the needs of the people. We minister to people who can't pay. They administer to these people with the money that the churches send. Mr. Knight works with all new employees and tells them to do their work or what they were called to do and do it for the Lord. Our Baptist hospital carries on the ministry of Christ. Christ is manifested at the hospital. Several of the people at the meeting had at one time been patients at our Baptist hospital and they told of the good care that they had received at the hospital.

## WMU REPORT 1976

Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The Stony Fork Baptist Associational WMU met May 4th, 1976, at Boone's Fork Baptist Church with a covered dish supper and fellowship. New officers were elected and installed. We had a most wonderful speaker. Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, retired missionaries from Cuba. They told of their mission work and also of his imprisonment there. How our money and prayers helped so much. We now have in our association six churches that carry on the WMU work: Mount Vernon—with 22 members also GA's and Mission Friends. Rock Springs—with 11 members they also have an Acteen, GA's and a fine group of RA's. Laurel Fork has 10 members. Sandy Flat has 12 members. Boone's Fork has 10 members. Long Ridge has 9 members. They have a fine group of Young People. All groups had their week of prayer for Home and Foreign Missions. All meeting their goals for both. They also gave to State Missions and Heck-Jones Memorial. As a group we support two children in Broyhill home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Doris Tester, WMU Director.

Rev. Gilbert Ward asked the blessing and then we were dismissed for lunch.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

After the enjoyable lunch and the wonderful fellowship we had we assembled for the afternoon session. The congregation sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Rev. Marvin Saunders had a devotional. We must have our minds transformed; be not conformed to this world; Paul warned us we must do what God would have us to do. Pray for Mr. Saunders as he leaves to go to Hudson, that he might do the things that the Lord would have him to do. Rev. Saunders ended in prayer.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptist from the very beginning have believed that the task of learning is appointed by God and that all knowledge and wisdom has its unity in Christ; and since we do believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord of life, we believe that Baptist churches through their colleges, as members of the covenant community, have an obligation to every area of life and culture. Thus, we work together to achieve a common goal. We are strongly convinced that the denomination's college plays its most vital role in the production of Christian leadership, not only in Christian vocations such as the ministry, missions, evangelism, church music, religious education and related fields; but more particularly in its contributing a vital leadership through others who are serving in many capacities in local communities.

Our Baptist Colleges in North Carolina now have a missionary alumni who are serving all around the world. They are preaching the gospel in many lands and in many tongues. We complain loudly about the trend of our times being away from God, and the majority of our people being more interested in secular activities and business rather than Christianity. We often ask why this is true. It is true because thousands of dollars are available in this country for those who wish to study science, technology, teaching or many other professions. There has been no corresponding effort to help the Christian vocational worker. The only salvation for the entire program of higher education lies in colleges that recognize the value of genuine Christian training. May we give them our prayers and much needed support.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. C. Moody

## RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Old Testament prophet Hosea declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Because of a great information void concerning truth, Jeremiah also cried out, "Publish and conceal not."

Just as in Old Testament days, communication still remains one of the most sensitive problems in our churches. Think for a moment—how many problems has your church had that could be traced to a lack of communication? Too many church members are misled because they are uninformed, poorly informed, or misinformed. Churches must take initiative to provide accurate information if work in the local church, association, and convention continues to show progress.

Each year more churches understand the importance of providing the Recorder for each family. When this is done, members become more responsive because they are better informed. Baptists have made encouraging progress in recent years through bold mission enterprises and this can be traced to better-informed church members. Stewardship gains also go hand in hand with better communications. As an example, 79 of the 80 churches which led their associations in per capita mission gifts last year have a Recorder club.

Each church needs to look at its budget carefully and then make provision to send the Recorder to each family. Although nearly 1,100 churches in the state have the Recorder in the budget, at least 500 more churches should take this step. Such action could be the difference between mediocrity and greatness in your church.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex., urges all Baptists to "stay with the state paper. Increase its circulation. Send it to the homes of all people. The reward will be great."

Louie D. Newton of Georgia who has done more than any other person to interpret the value of Baptist state papers, said: "The investment any church can make in furthering the Kingdom of God is to put the Baptist state paper in the homes of the membership. These papers are the packhorses of every phase of denominational life.

If this "packhorse," meaning the Recorder, is not going to every family in your church, may this be the year that you take this step.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelby J. Miller



We were glad to have Mr. Woodrow Hill with us. He spoke concerning our State Paper. He said that Baptists are informed, involved, and influential. The Baptist Recorder goes into 116,000 homes. Those informed by the Recorder send to the Cooperative Program. Those not receiving the Recorder do not help with funds. We are influential, we are respectful, we are involved in things and we want to give the gospel to everyone. Put the Recorder in your church budget, it tells us what people are doing here and abroad. It keeps us informed about our Baptist work. Put it in your budget you'll be glad you did.

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT

One of our greatest needs in our Association is for our men to become more involved in church Brotherhood Work. Brotherhood and our WMU's are the unseen backbone of churches. The Bible tells us first to meet and worship together at home, and then spread the gospel to the lost world around us. If your church doesn't have a Brotherhood ask your church officers to please organize one. There is a job and place for everyone in your church and I think Brotherhood is one organization that gives the men the chance to work and learn of his duties as a Christian. I urge you to make Brotherhood a number one goal in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Perry

## ANNUITY REPORT 1976

The Annuity Board administers three retirement plans. Plan A, Southern Baptist Protection Plan, is a formula type plan. B is an Age Security Plan. Plan C is a variable Benefit Plan where assets are invested in common stock. The retirement needs of churches are met by using various combinations of these plans. Plan A is the only part of the protection program that has a limited basis, primarily because of the necessary participation of the State Convention which assume one third of the costs up to \$200. per member per year. This is a real "workhorse" plan which provides numerous special types of benefits. These benefits include disability, widow, child, and special temporary income benefits payable during the period of adjustment following death. One of the primary objectives of the Annuity Board is to enlist young people in the Protection Plan. A person who joins at a young age will pay considerably less than if he waits until he is older to enter, and he will build up a larger income for retirement because he did start early. Every church should urge their pastor and staff to enroll early in this Protection Program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Critcher

Sam O'Neal was with us to talk following the Annuity report. You must plan for the retirement years. We must plan ahead for our church staff so that if they become disabled they will have some security. Ask yourself what is my Christian responsibility for our Preacher? Do you need to get the Annuity?

## THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. REPORT 1976

In a tract that came across the Foundation desk during the past year was a note about the will of the famous financier J. Pierpoint Morgan. It is reported to have contained 10,000 words and incorporated 37 different articles of instruction, all of which were necessary because a vast fortune has to be properly dispersed. What Morgan valued most, however, was indicated by the opening statement of that legal document. It read, "I commit my soul to the hands of

my Savior, full of confidence that, having redeemed it and washed it with His most precious blood, He will present it faultless before the throne of my Heavenly Father. I entreat my children to defend, at all hazard . . . the blessed doctrine of complete atonement for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ once offered, and through that alone."

What a testimony! This wealthy man recognized that of everything he owned, his most valued "possession" was the priceless gift of salvation. Paul, in II Corinthians 12:4, says "I seek not YOURS but you." As we think of Christian stewardship, we are accustomed to thinking first about giving or raising money. Christian stewardship is not primarily a MEANS for raising money, but a plan for making the right kind of men.

During the 1975-1976 fiscal year, the North Carolina Baptist Foundation has continued to be used as a channel for Baptists of our state to provide a tangible support for missions in a perpetual way for the years to come. Through a will of a person who had received financial assistance years ago from our Baptist Hospital, a \$29,950 trust was established with the Baptist Foundation to provide income for the hospital's needy patients. The income of the investment for one year will repay what the hospital provided in financial assistance to this person.

The children of one family, upon the settlement of the estate of their father, placed all the residence of the estate with the Foundation to establish a trust in memory of their parents for Foreign Mission support. Their mother and dad had long been interested in this area of our Christian ministry.

A widow tithed the estate of her recently deceased husband to provide an educational scholarship for a student in Christian education in one of our Baptist Colleges. Another husband and wife began a trust "To the Glory of God and in Honor of our Pastor." This was but the beginning of a BOOK OF HONOR FOR NORTH CAROLINA PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES with income to go toward all mission efforts of our denomination through the Cooperative Program. The value of the principal has increased sixty times already since the first gift and several pastors and missionaries have been remembered in this expression of love.

A widow has established a living trust turning over all of her property and financial assets for the remainder of her life, reserving the right to income, and upon her death it will then be divided among several institutions and mission causes, one of which will be mission ministries in the local association.

New additions during the 1975-1976 year to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation assets held for our institutions and missions totaled \$210,147.17. This amount combined with the market value of real estate (including the Yanceyville unit of the N. C. Baptist Homes, Inc.) annuity trusts, and the Foundation Common Trust Fund brings the total market value of assets, as of June 30, 1976 to \$2,946,044.49.

The income from Foundation trust funds paid to beneficiaries during 1975-1976 was \$157,069.28. In previous years the Foundation had paid to beneficiaries \$1,018,414.76. The total paid through June 30, 1976 now has reached \$1,175,484.04.

Wills still account for a major portion of the assets of the Foundation, but presently the annuity trust accounts comprise \$480,270.73 of the total value of the Foundation assets.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Edwin S. Coates  
Executive Secretary  
Baptist Foundation, Inc.

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Rev. Marvin Saunders, benediction. This ended the first day of our annual meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the second day of the annual session of the Stony Fork Association together at Doe Ridge Baptist Church, on August 11, 1976. Roll Call with 11 of the churches being represented.

The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace and Just A Little Talk With Jesus." Rev. Gilbert Ward had devotional reading from the Book of Ezekiel 22nd, chapter verses 23-31. Keep the Lord's commandments. God is looking for men that will stand for him. Be willing to stand and preach against sin. Proclaim it like it is. The church will not convert the world. Our churches need to come back to God. They need to come alive. Come to the place on the spiritual side. We need a spiritual awakening in our churches today. Prayer by, Rev. Gilbert Ward.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In the Stony Fork Association eleven churches have reported a Vacation Bible School. Enrollment for the schools was 645. Boones Fork reported one profession of faith. Seven churches sent \$375.76 to the Cooperative Program. One church sent \$30.46 to Mills Children Home. Three churches did not specify.

Our V. B. S. Clinic was held in May at Laurel Fork Baptist Church. The attendance was 41, including our missionary and three pastors. Two clinicians from this association attended the late V. B. S. Clinic in March. I assisted three churches with their Bible Schools this summer and I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. Please feel free to call on our Associational workers at any time for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Woods

Mr. Bustle urged more to go to the V. B. S. Clinic. We need nine from this association to go. We would like to see a full team go this year. You can learn how to have a better Vacation Bible School in your church.

## TRAINING UNION

The Church Training program is an approach to meeting the training needs of Church members. The Bible teaching program of a church provides members with biblical foundations they need as disciples. The Church Training Program builds upon this foundation in guiding members to expand and develop all of the skills they need for service as disciples.

The theme for church training is, Church: The Sunday Night Place. Is this theme just a slogan? A Motto? An Idea? Or Promotional tool? It is all these things and more. It is a plan designed to increase the number of people involved in worship, fellowship, and training on Sunday Night. This time, 1976-77, the plan is geared to enable a church to explore discipleship, grasp its meaning, its possibilities, its requirements and its quality. It is a plan to promote involvement in training which will improve the quality of discipleship exhibited in your church.

The association has 6 churches with a church training program. "M" night was held at Bailey Camp Church.

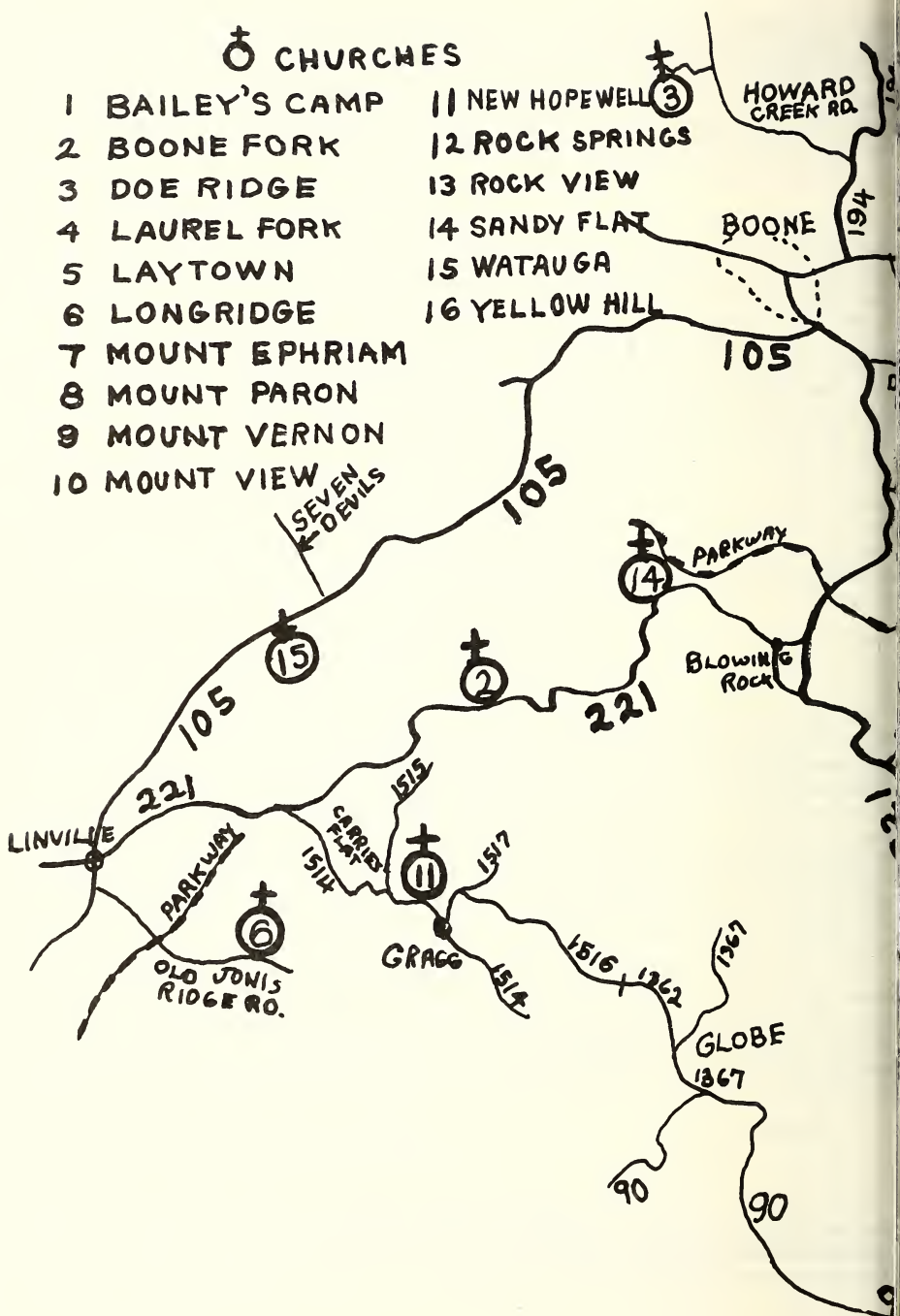
Five churches were represented with an attendance of 104. There were five pastors and four church training directors present. Every Baptist Church should have a continual program of training for members, new members and church leaders. Remember you are training people in the important task of living the Christian life, serving Christ and his church, and ministering.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Craig

Rev. Max West read from 1st Corinthians The 6th Chapter, Verses 8-20. Following is the report on Temperance and Morals which was given by Rev. Marvin Saunders, this report was adopted without being read. Mr. West read the scriptures from Corinthians that go along with Rev. Saunders report.

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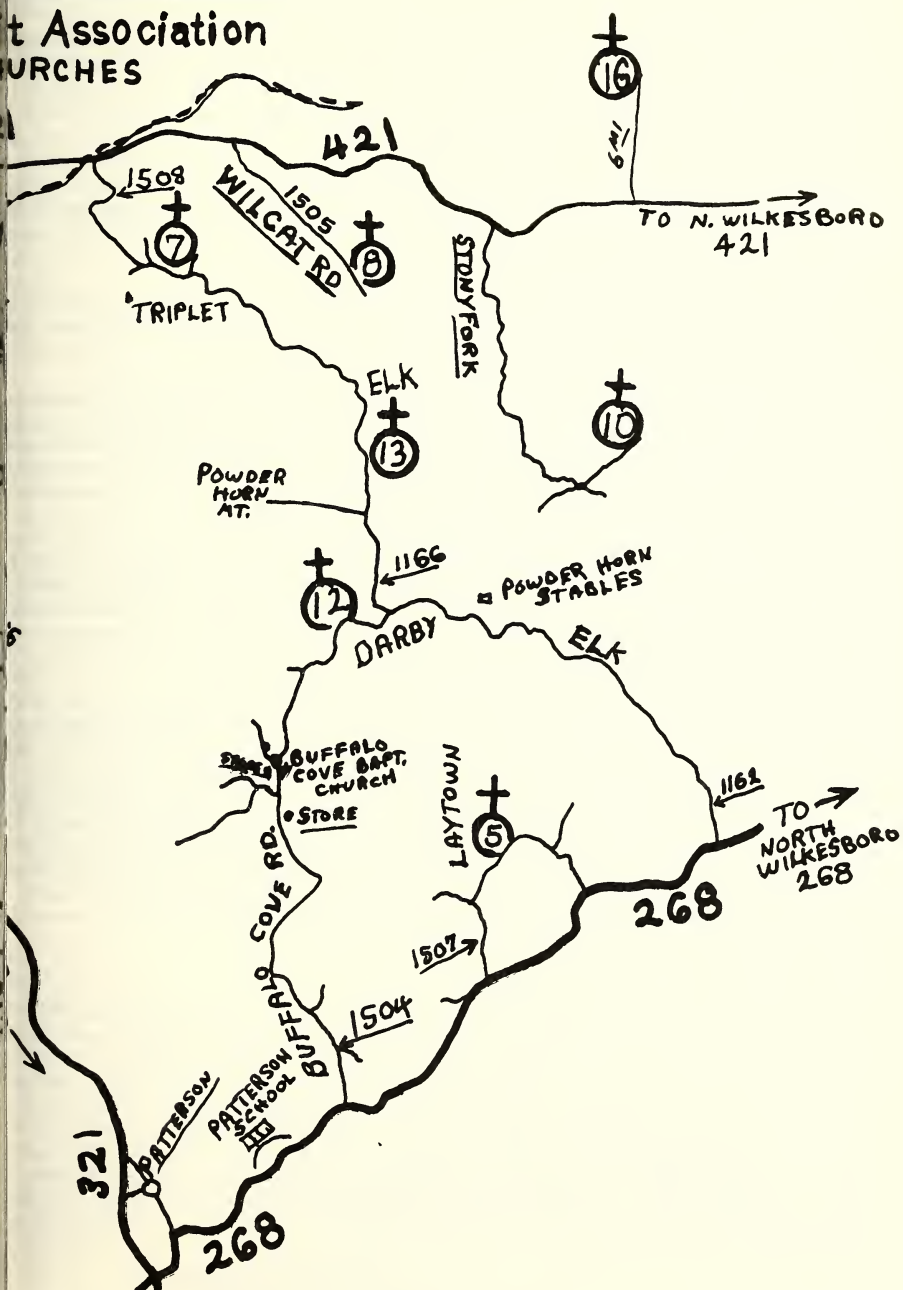
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| 2 BOONE FORK    | 12 ROCK SPRINGS |
| 3 DOE RIDGE     | 13 ROCK VIEW    |
| 4 LAUREL FORK   | 14 SANDY FLAT   |
| 5 LAYTOWN       | 15 WATAUGA      |
| 6 LONGRIDGE     | 16 YELLOW HILL  |
| 7 MOUNT EPHRIAM |                 |
| 8 MOUNT PARON   |                 |
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## TEMPERANCE AND MORALS

Scriptures: 1 Cor. 6:8-20

The problem of alcoholism and drug addiction are not new to the human race. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the words that are translated witchcraft and sorcery come from the Greek word *Pharmakia* from which we get the pharmacy. Therefore, more than likely Paul was talking about the use of drugs by these occult practitioners. Drugs were used in order to impress the patient with the great power and resources of the sorcerers. This is the only reference to the use of the drugs in the New Testament, but it is strongly condemned by the apostles, the use of alcoholic beverage, however, is often referred to in the Bible. It is a constant problem and has often been the culprit in destroying homes. It is estimated that at least eighty five per cent of all adult Americans imbibe alcoholic beverages.

1 Cor. 6:9-11 Righteousness and the Kingdom

The great problem that Paul was confronted with in the Corinthian church was that it was practicing and condoning a variety of sins that it should have avoided and condemned. Possibly, this is what Paul is referring to in the ninth verse, when he said, "Do you not know that people who practice such things cannot have any place in the kingdom of God?"

The church at Corinth was located in a city that was notorious for its liberal attitude toward the flesh. The temple to Aphrodite was located here with its prostitutes. The city was widely known for its immorality that throughout the Roman Empire one who was unusually immoral was said to have been "corinthisized." Thus, Paul named sins of the flesh that, without doubt, were prevalent throughout the city. Among these sins was that of intemperance "drunkards." The reference here and in numerous other places in the New Testament is that the use of alcoholic beverage was an acute problem among the believers of the early church.

In the eleventh verse, Paul reminded believers that these were the sins from which they had been redeemed. And, now, they are "sanctified" from such sinful indulgences. Therefore, these sins should have no place in the life of the Christian. If one's claim to conversion does not bear fruit in the affairs of the spirit, he should re-examine his conversion experience.

1 Cor. 6:12-14 The Body Dedicated To God

In these verses, Paul was quoting from the letter that had been sent to him from the Corinthian Church. The letter probably referred to some of the false teachers who were circulating among the believers, saying that one could do whatever he desired to do. That is, there could be nothing wrong in satisfying any desire that the flesh may have. The poor logic of some of the teachers were using may be indicated in verse 13, when they said that the body was made to enjoy the things of the flesh—such as, the stomach is made for meats. That is, they claimed that physical appetites, whatever they may be, are to be satisfied. The false teachers seemingly, knew nothing about will-power and self-control, which also is a part of the human constitution. Furthermore, the body was not meant "for fornication, but for the Lord." Paul, it was an instrument of evil for one to claim that the body could be a tool of immorality and, at the same time dedicated to the Lord.

1 Cor. 6:15-20 Bought with a Price

The word Saviour comes from a root Greek word that means "to Buy" referring to the idea of buying a slave in the marketplace. Thus, Paul said that the Christian should remember that he has been "bought with a price." Thus, our bodies belong to the Lord, and that which is detrimental to the body can have no place in the life of the Christian. This includes the use of alcoholic beverages and drug addiction. Since our bodies are the members of Christ, how can one take that which is integral to the body of Christ and make it a part of that which is foreign to Christian teaching and living? Therefore, one should "flee fornication" because fornication is a sin "against his own body." The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit therefore how can one take that in which the spirit of God dwells and defame it with alcohol, drugs or any of the sins of the flesh? Since one has been brought with a price, he should glorify God in his body and in his spirit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marvin V. Saunders

ev. Saunders spoke to this report—Our moral standards are low today. Our standards are dropped, sin is still sin. We need to wake up and see where we are headed today. This day is the temple of the Holy Ghost, we need to clean it up for God. God's people need to wake up. We need to fight the things today that is sin. Do our best in the years to come, bring moral standards up so that men and women would live like god would have us to do. We must set good examples. Clean and get right with God.

## STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is more than tithes and offerings. We are required to give as God has prospered us with tithes and offerings and God requires us to give of our time and talents as well as tithes and offerings. Matthew 28:19-20, tells us to go into all the world. We may not be able to go to all the world but we can help send someone that can go. By doing so, we can be a good steward.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gaither Greene

Mr. Bustle had the following comments: Start tithing, you cannot get by without tithing, tithing is stewardship. Would a church rob God? Give to the Cooperative Program through your church. Support your association. Help promote stewardship and mission work around the world.

## FINANCE REPORT

Treasury in 1975	\$ 708.53
for Minutes	\$ 416.00
for	\$ 82.29
plus reimbursement for postage, etc.	
for V. B. S. Clinic	\$ 25.10
reimbursement for Registration at V. B. S. Clinic	\$ 4.00
postage, etc. Mrs. Johnson	\$ 5.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 532.39
Balance as of May 24, 1976	\$ 176.14
One Fork sent in addition for Clerk	\$ 10.00
dy Flat sent in addition for Clerk	\$ 53.40
Associational Expense taken up at Doe Ridge	\$ 60.65
Balance in treasury in 1976	\$ 574.79

### TOTAL PAID IN FOR MINUTES IN 1976 AS FOLLOWS

Key Camp	\$ 25.00
One Fork	\$ 10.00
Doe Ridge	\$ 20.00
One Fork	\$ 50.00
town	\$ 20.00
gridge	\$ 15.00
unt Ephriam	\$ 10.00
unt Paron	\$ 20.00
unt Vernon	\$ 100.00
ck Springs	\$ 20.00
dy Flat	\$ 25.00
tauga	.00
low Hill	\$ 12.00
TOTAL	\$ 327.00

## AMOUNT PAID IN FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Boone Fork	\$ 60.00
Laurel Fork	\$ 300.00
Longridge	\$ 120.00
Mount Vernon	\$ 500.00
Rock Springs	\$ 272.40

This includes the special offering for  
Associational Missions.

Sandy Flat	\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,312.40</b>

## 1976 REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Your North Carolina Baptist Homes have, in the past year, completed 25 years of growth and development. These have been good years, filled with the abundant blessings and goodness of the Lord. He has brought us from one Home, in March of 1951, to five Homes and an excellent Nursing Facility, from one resident to 230 residents and patients. Hundreds have been ministered to during these years, many lives have been blessed, and families have been helped immeasurably.

The past year has been of special excitement and enthusiasm as we entered into the Fund Raising Effort to raise \$1,000,000 for the construction of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville. In September, 1975, Brother Ralph Cannon, beloved pastor, and Trustee of the Homes, was called by the Trustees to serve as Director of Development and Denominational Relations and has been leading the fund raising program for the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in a remarkable way. He reports that the response from our Baptist pastors and people in Western North Carolina has been most encouraging, and that there is every indication that we will reach the goal. We are grateful not only to those in Western North Carolina, but throughout the State, for the happy and successful response that we have experienced thus far as we move toward making this additional Home available for our older people in one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

When completed, the Western North Carolina Home, in Asheville, will accommodate 50 people, and will bring the total capacity of our Baptist Homes and the Nursing Care Unit to 280. We now operate five other Homes, and a Nursing Care Unit—Resthaven, the Hayes Home, the Nursing Care Unit, in Winston-Salem; the Albermarle Home, in Albemarle; the Hamilton Home, in Hamilton, N. C., the Yanceyville Home, in Yanceyville.

In these Homes the best of care is given, the compassion and love of Christ shared and underscored. The love gifts of North Carolina Baptists make this Christian care and concern possible through two very vital sources—The Cooperative Program, and the Special Offering for the Homes, received on the third Sunday of February each year. Through these sources more than 35% of the Homes' total income is provided, and the majority of the residents who cannot pay the full cost of care are supplemented. We are grateful for these life-sustaining gifts and thank every North Carolina Baptist who makes them possible! Gifts this year, through these sources, are greater than ever before, and if we are to meet the overwhelming needs of older people in our midst, we must double and triple our efforts, both in numbers ministered to, and in support of them.

Close at hand is another venture in the development of the Homes which we're excited— the building of apartments on the site of the Hayes Home property in Winston-Salem. The first of these units is to be completed by the fall of 1977. Those interested in this phase of the ministry of Baptist Homes may contact Bill Poole, the Executive Director, of the Homes for information.

Great things are in store for us in our Homes for the Aging as we look to the future, and we get the earnest prayer and the continual support of every North Carolina Baptist as we move ahead in this challenging ministry to older people in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beulah Cook

## CHILDREN'S HOME

In 1975 the lives of more than 4,200 people were affected in a significant way by the services of the children's homes during the past year. The home provided care and related services for 15 children; of this number 1,077 received continuing service while 408 received case work counseling and referral services. Applications for 68 children were in process of evaluation at the end of the year. The Children's Homes of North Carolina are doing a great work in Christian training and child care. With God's help and continued blessings, we will move together to fulfill our mission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Brown

Mr. Camp was with us from the Children's Home he spoke following Mr. Brown's report. One of the children need immediate attention. Some need to see Doctors and Psychologist. Children are not as healthy as they used to be. We are now serving a lot of families that can't take their children back after they have stayed awhile, but we still keep in touch with their parents. Remember the Children's Home and how the cost to operate keeps rising. The Thanksgiving Offering goes to the Children's Home.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Church's work in the world is a continuation of the work Christ began. A church is the body of Christ—his hands, his feet, his voice in today's world—serving the world as Christ did. What the Sunday School has done in leading persons in the study of the Bible and in reaching persons for Christ and church memberships is incomplete until the members have been trained to do the work of a church. What are we in the Stony Fork Association doing to reach people for Christ? In 1975 our churches reported an enrollment of 1,175 an increase of 32 members for one year. Let us all join together to increase our membership even more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Woods

Mr. Woods spoke to his report. We need to get a burden for our young people, a heavy burden so that we will be willing to go out to the highways and the hedges and tell them what Jesus has done for us. Invite them to Sunday School. Let's all pray for our director that he might help us all to do more.

Before the annual message the congregation sang "Where The Soul Of Man Never Dies." An offering of \$60.65 was taken up at Doe Ridge Baptist Church.

Rev. Lloyd Hoilman brought the message reading from the 3rd chapter of Ephesians, verses 1-2. THE CHURCH IS. God has already told us what to do. The Church has the right foundation, that it was established on. The foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ. I am proud to be a Southern Baptist, you can trace them back by a trail of blood. Jesus is the foundation. I am proud to be affiliated with the Southern Baptist, we try to carry the gospel. 1st Corinthians Chapter 10, verse 2 says Jesus is the head of the church. All we are is by the grace of God. Jesus is the finisher of our faith, look to him, we as God's people have failed. We must show the



world that we are happy to be a Christian. The devil would like to see all the Church doors closed. The devil has the power that we allow him to have. We must begin with the home. It starts with the individual. We can look to the one that has all power. The Church has the right mission. We are to be a witness for Christ in our community. God calls us to go. Jesus came, seek and save that which was lost. Let's do the work that God has called us to do. We closed the door in China, let's open them. We had an altar of prayer with Rev. Raymond Hendrix leading us in prayer. Several people stood up and testified and told what the Lord had done for them. We had a wonderful time in the Lord.

## RESOLUTIONS

We would like to thank both churches Boone's Fork and Doe Ridge for the wonderful reception that we received, and also for all the food that was prepared. For the beautiful flowers that were brought and placed in the church. Thank all for the wonderful fellowship that we had at both churches.

## In Memoriam

Since our last association eleven of our beloved members have passed away. Mrs. Ann Mecray from Boone Fork; Doc Cox and Mrs. Roxie Triplett from Mount Ephriam; Mr. Jeff Shook from Watauga; Cicero Ford (deacon) from Bailey Camp; Mr. Clarence Dillard (deacon) from Laytown; Mr. Robert Bond, Mrs. Geneva Cook, Mrs. Karen H. Edgar, and Mrs. Jess Sheeler from Mount Vernon; Mrs. Lola Spears from Yellow Hill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Walsh

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Charles Cra
Vice Moderator.....	Basil Test
Clerk.....	Barbara We

## TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

The first day will be at Laurel Fork Baptist Church, with Rev. Raymond Hendrix with the message and Basil Tester as alternate.

The second day will be at Laytown Baptist Church, with Rev. Max West with the message and Lloyd Hoilman as alternate.

We were glad to have Rev. Pete Tester and Rev. Theo Hendrix visiting with us at Doe Ridge. Motion to adjourn.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee met four times during the year. Rev. A. C. Moody was elected to be recommended as a representative on the General Board. Rev. Merle Johnson resigned as Moderator and Mrs. Merle Johnson resigned as clerk, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are leaving this association. Brother Dean Hodges was nominated to fill the expired term of Moderator, and was elected by acclamation. Barbara West served as Clerk. Several vacancies on other committee's were also filled.

On July 25 at Laurel Fork Baptist Church the Executive Committee met and at this meeting it was decided to combine the Pastor's Conference and the Executive Committee Meeting each quarter and to meet at one central location. It was decided that we would meet at Mount Vernon Baptist Church each quarter.

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Boone Fork	Watauga	1879	3		x		2	43	12	55			50000			
Dee Ridge	Watauga	1894	1		x		3	64	26	90			30000			
Laurel Fork	Watauga	1855	1		x	3	1	94	34	128			80000			4000
Laytown	Cald.	1939	1			x	4	54	40	94			25000			
Longridge	Avery	1945	1			4		44	21	65			10000			
Mount Ephraim	Watauga	1876	2		x	5	2	91	118	209			35000			
Mount Paron	Watauga	1876	1		x	6	2	75	44	119			50000			
Mount Vernon	Watauga	1866	1		x	16	7	281	91	372			250000			
New Hopewell																
Rock Springs	Wilkes	1891	1		x	8		111	56	167			93000			9512
Sandy Flat	Watauga	1928	1		x		4	62	26	88			50000			
Watauga	Watauga	1844	1			2		119	18	137		1	50000			
Yellow Hill	Wilkes	1853	1		x	1		43	116	159			50000			
TOTALS						45	22	933	623	1756	1	6	738000			13512





TABLE C TRAINING UNION																
1976																
Association STONY FORK																
State NORTH CAROLINA																
Associational Training Union Director ROY GRAYDER																
Address Rt. 1		City Blowing Rock		State North Carolina		Zip 28605										
CHURCHES		TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES														
Bailey Camp	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605															
Ooe Ridge	Arville Hardy, Rt. 5, Boone 28607															
Laurel Fork	Gaither Greene, Rt. 4, Boone 28607															
Mount Vernon	William M. Brown, Rt. 4, Box 161A, Boone 28607															
Rock Springs	Patricia Triplett, Rt. 2, Ferguson 28624															
Sandy Flat	Jerry Craig, Box 183, Blowing Rock 28605															
TOTALS		16	42	55	25	99	13	11	0	261	2	0	2	0	0	187

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC														
Association		1976												
STONY FORK														
NORTH CAROLINA														
Associational Music Director														
MONT TEAGUE														
Address	City	State	Zip											
Rt. 3	Boone	North Carolina	28607											
CHURCHES		MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES												
Bailey Camp	Ransom Harmon, Rt. 8, Lenoir 28645													
Doe Ridge	Arville Hardy, Rt. 5, Boone 28607													
Laurel Fork	Nancy Wood, Rt. 4, Boone 28607													
Long Ridge	Roy Woodie, Rt. 2, Newland 28657													
Mount Ephriam	Wilma Hartley, Rt. 4, Boone 28607													
Mount Paron														
Mount Vernon	Verdola Cook, Rt. 1, Boone 28607													
Rock Springs	Clara Robbins, Rt. 2, Ferguson 28624													
Sandy Flat	Kathy Townsend, Rt. 3, Boone 28607													
Watauga	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone 28607													
Yellow Hill	Ellis Beshears, Rt. 1, Box 238, Purlear 28665													
TOTALS		8	51	45	104	0	0	0	0	10	0	218	180	0

**TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

TABLE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION																1976	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115
Association																	Enrollment														
STONY FORK																	Number of Organizations														
State																	Mission(s) of church														
NORTH CAROLINA																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
Associational WMU Director																	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)														
MRS. DORIS TESTER																	Total number of organizations														
Address																	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)														
Rt. 1																	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)														
Blowing Rock																	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)														
North Carolina																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
State																	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)														
Zip																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
28605																	Total number of organizations														
WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																	Mission(s) of church														
CHURCHES																	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)														
Bailey Camp																	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)														
Mrs. Gene Ford, Rt. 8, Lenoir 28645																	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)														
Elizabeth Ruppert, Rt. 1, Box 351A, Blowing Rock																	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)														
Boone Fork																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
Ruby Miller, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605																	Total number of organizations														
Laurel Fork																	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)														
Charlotte Hollman, Rt. 1, Newland 28657																	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)														
Long Ridge																	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)														
Eula Harrison, Rt. 4, Boone 28607																	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)														
Mount Vernon																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
Vera Smith, Rt. 2, Ferguson 28624																	Total number of organizations														
Rock Springs																	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)														
Doris Tester, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605																	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)														
Sandy Flat																	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)														
TOTALS																	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)														
																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
																	Total number of organizations														
																	Mission(s) of church														
																	Baptist Women (30 and over)														
																	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)														
																	Total WMU ongoing enrollment														

**TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1976**

<b>Association</b> <b>STONY FORK</b> <b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> <b>Associational Treasurer</b> <b>BARBARA WEST</b> <b>Address</b> <b>Rt. 1, Box 283 Blowing Rock North Carolina 28605</b> <b>City State Zip</b>		<b>TREASURERS &amp; ADDRESSES</b>	
<b>CHURCHES</b>			
Bailey Camp	John Craig, Rt. 8, Lenoir 28645		
Boone Fork	Rosetta Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 326, B. R.		
Doe Ridge	Clay Beach, Rt. 2, Boone 28607		
Laurel Fork	Mary Story, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605		
Laytown	Glenda Dillard, Rt. 5, Box 324, Lenoir		
Long Ridge	Faye Clark, P. O. Box 91, Pineola 28662		
Mount Ephriam	Lezett Greer, Triplett 28686		
Mount Ebron	R. J. Watson, Rt. 1, Box 71, Deep Gap		
Mount Vernon	Roger Cook, Rt. 4, Boone 28607		
Rock Springs	Mrs. Ned Hall, Rt. 2, Ferguson 28624		
Sandy Flat	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone		
Watauga	Ruth Townsend, Rt. 1, Box 146, Banner Elk		
Yellow Hill	Helen Beshears, Rt. 1, Box 238, Pulea		
<b>TOTALS</b>			

21	22	23	27				126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	
Number of tithe	Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year.				Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures	
			Simplified	Stewardship Revival	Committed to Tithe	Forward Program											Alt. Forward Program
						5076	0	5076	0	1405	0	9500	0	685	547	2637	
5			x	x	x	10894	0	10894	0	750	0	9500	0	84	830	11164	
9	6		x	x	x	5302	0	5302	0	1250	0	282	171	1126	2829		
14	10		x	x	x	12237	0	12237	0	4620	0	2330	516	2295	9761		
5	10	2	x	x	x	4746	0	4746	0	1190	1693	0	106	1311	4301		
			x	x	x	4701	0	4701	0	1000	430	0	147	165	1742		
75			x	x	x	605	1219	1824	0	3025	5115	0	109	1508	1617		
85			x	x	x	8079	50174	8079	19915	3195	20492	990	3031	27266	55427		
25	11	15	x	x	x	17836	2144	19980	10000	3150	0	0	0	525	1750	26952	
9			x	x	x	6979	0	6979	0	3150	0	0	0	163	1648	4951	
9			x	x	x	7130	0	7130	0	1011	0	0	600	224	1320	5408	
			x	x	x	2222		2222				0	0	35	944	2190	
236	37	17				136091	3363	139454	10000	43775	37230	4202	5886	40710		128979	

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES																										
Association STONY FORK													OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES													
State NORTH CAROLINA Director of Associational Missions REV. E. O. BUSTLE													Total other mission cause expenditures													
Address Rt. 2,													Grand Total Mission expenditures													
City Newland													Total other mission cause expenditures													
State N. C.													Total other mission cause expenditures													
Zip 28657													Total other mission cause expenditures													
CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES													Total other mission cause expenditures													
CHURCHES													Total other mission cause expenditures													
Bailey Camp	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605	46	60	36	101	179	0	144	25	348	348															
Boone Fork	H. W. Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 326, Blowing Rock																									
Doe Ridge	Kenneth Brown, Rt. 5, Box 389A, Boone 28607																									
Laurel Fork	Robert J. Coffey, Rt. 4, Box 378, Boone 28607	650	300	5	100	63	55	25	600	750	967															
Laytown	Bonnie Walth, Rt. 5, Box 315, Lenoir 28645	217	50																							
Long Ridge	Myrtle Clark, Rt. 2, Newland 28657	474	120																							
Mount Ephriam	Virgil Greer, Triplett 28686		302																							
Mount Paron	R. J. Watson, Rt. 1, Box 71, Deep Gap 28618																									
Mount Vernon	Winfred Hampton, Rt. 4, Box 162, Boone 28607	1136	500	1084	2000	4372	694	152	321	2082	11205															
Rock Springs	Charlotte Dawson, Rt. 2, Box 45, Ferguson 28624	1885	268	32	225	408	75	57	44	186	1295															
Sandy Flat	Jerry Moretz, Rt. 5, Boone 28607	202	60	111	149	216	116	125	100	200	1077															
Watauga	Johnny Townsend, Rt. 1, Box 146, Banner Elk																									
Yellow Hill	Earl Welborn, Rt. 1, Purlear 28665																									
TOTALS													1302	1302	4610	1358	1232	2809	5607		1984	736	727	3598	17051	23943



TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION												
<div> <div>Association</div> <div>STONY FORK</div> <div>State</div> <div>NORTH CAROLINA</div> <div>Moderator</div> <div>CHARLES CRAIG</div> <div>Address</div> <div>Rt. 3, Box 618</div> <div>City</div> <div>Boone</div> <div>State</div> <div>N. C.</div> <div>Zip</div> <div>28607</div> </div>												
CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES												
CHURCHES												
Bailey Camp	Gene Ford, Rt. 8, Lenoir 28645											
Boone Fork	Glenn Barton, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605											
Doe Ridge	Walter Cullar, Rt. 2, Boone 28607											
Laurel Fork	Robert Holder, Rt. 4, Boone 28607											
Laytown	Fritz Dula, Rt. 5, Box 326, Lenoir 28645											
Longridge	Ronald Woodie, Rt. 2, Newland 28657											
Mount Ephriam	Virgil Greer, Triplet 28686											
Mount Paron	Paul Greene, Rt. 1, Deep Gap 28618											
Mount Vernon	Billy J. Cook, Rt. 4, Boone 28607											
Rock Springs	Gary Hawkins, Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir 28645											
Sandy Flat												
Watuga	Ortha Andrews, Hudson											
Yellow Hill												
TOTALS												15



# HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephraim	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivitt	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivitt	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephraim	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Tomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephraim	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephraim	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of Influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephraim	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson
1927	Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928	Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929	Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930	Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1931	Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932	New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934	Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935	Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936	Mt. Ephraim	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937	Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938	Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939	Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940	Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941	Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942	New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943	Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944	Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945	Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946	Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947	Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948	No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949	Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950	Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951	New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952	Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953	East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954	Mt. Ephraim	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955	Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956	Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957	Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958	Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959	New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960	Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961	Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962	Mt. Ephraim and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963	Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964	Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
	Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1945	Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
	Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966	Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
	Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1967	Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
	New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1968	Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
	Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1969	Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
	Boone's Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1970	Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
	Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1971	Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymon Turbyfill
	Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1972	Mt. Ephraim	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
	Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1973	Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
	New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1974	Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
	Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1975	Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
	Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1976	Boone Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
	Doe Ridge			Loyd Hoilman

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1886 for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.







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MINUTES  
of the  
STONY FORK MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
NORTH CAROLINA  
1977

ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With  
Laurel Fork Baptist Church  
August 16, 1977  
and with  
Laytown Baptist Church  
August 17, 1977

Next session will be held with Long Ridge Baptist Church, P. O. Box 91 Pineola, N. C., August 15, 1978. Annual message by Basil Tester, and alternate Phillip Martin.

Second day will be held at Mount Ephriam Baptist Church, Triplett, N. C., August 16, 1978. The annual message by A.C. Moody, and alternate Max West.

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## SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1978 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Morning Session, August 15, 1978  
Long Ridge Baptist Church

9:00	Call to Order . . . . .	Charles Craig
9:15	Song . . . . .	Congregation
9:20	Devotional . . . . .	Lloyd Hoilman
9:30	Adoption of Program	
9:35	Roll Call . . . . .	Clerk
9:40	Recognition of New Pastors and Workers . . . . .	Moderator
9:45	Evangelism . . . . .	Lloyd Hoilman
10:00	Cooperative Program . . . . .	Basil Tester
10:15	Home Missions . . . . .	Nancy Woods
10:25	State Missions . . . . .	Howard Carrigan
10:35	Foreign Missions . . . . .	Edna Gragg
10:45	General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention . . . . .	Cecil A. Ray
10:55	Annual Message . . . . .	Basil Tester
	Alternate . . . . .	Phillip Martin
11:45	Hospital Report . . . . .	Mamie Craig
12:00	Benediction Lunch	

### Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:00	Song . . . . .	Congregation
1:05	Devotional	
1:15	Christian Education . . . . .	Christine Critcher
1:25	Religious Literature . . . . .	Shelby Miller
1:35	Training Union . . . . .	Roy Gryder
1:45	Stewardship . . . . .	Max West
1:55	Annuity . . . . .	Doris Miller
2:05	Baptist Foundation . . . . .	Roy Woodie
2:15	Discussion	
2:25	Adjourn	

Wednesday Morning Session, August 16, 1978  
Mount Ephriam Baptist Church

9:00 Call to Order . . . . .	Charles Craig
9:05 Song . . . . .	Congregation
9:10 Devotional . . . . .	Harold Danner
9:20 WMU . . . . .	Linda Mills
9:30 Temperance and Morals . . . . .	Beatrice Brown
9:40 Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Bible School Director
9:50 Finance Report . . . . .	Barbara West
10:00 Home for Aged . . . . .	Gaither Greene
10:15 Children's Home . . . . .	Kenneth Brown
10:30 Sunday School . . . . .	Carroll Woods
10:40 Annual Message . . . . .	A. C. Moody
Alternate . . . . .	Max West
11:30 Executive Report . . . . .	Charles Craig
11:40 Resolutions . . . . .	Gaither Greene and Gary Hawkins
11:50 Obituaries . . . . .	Bonnie Walsh
12:00 Election of Officers	
12:10 Benediction	
12:20 Lunch	

## DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator . . . . .	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, N. C.	28607
Vice-Moderator . . . . .	Basil Tester, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Clerk . . . . .	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Associational Missionary . . . . .	Not one at the present time	
Associational BTU Director . . . . .	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Assistant . . . . .	Gaither Greene, Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
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Associational VBS Worker . . . . .	Edith Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
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Associational Evangelism Chm. . . . .	Lloyd Hoilman, Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.	28657
Associational Music Director . . . . .	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone, N. C.	28607
Associational Pianist . . . . .	Jill Triplett, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Associational Stewardship Chm. . . . .	Max West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Max West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	29605
A. C. Moody . . . . .	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Paul Moody . . . . .	Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Barbara West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605



## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Charles Craig. . . . .	Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, N. C.	28607
Gary Hawkins . . . . .	Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Barbara West. . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Howard Carrigan Chm. . . . .	Rt. 2, Box 40, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Max West. . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
A. C. Moody. . . . .	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Phillip Martin . . . . .	Rt. 8, Box 381, Lenoir, N. C.	28645

## TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

A. C. Moody. . . . .	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Dean Hodges. . . . .	Rt. 2, Vilas, N. C.	28692
Fritz Dula . . . . .	Rt. 5, Lenoir, N. C.	28645

## RESOLUTIONS

Gaither Greene . . . . .	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Gary Hawkins . . . . .	Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645

## ORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Ordination Committee will be made up of each Pastor from each affiliated Church. Rev. A. C. Moody is the chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Associational Missionary.

## DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

Baily Camp: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bolick, Mrs. Carroll Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gryder, and Mr. Kelvin Gryder.

Boone Fork: Linda Mills, Maggie Earp, Rosetta Hollifield, Dean Hodges, Jim Earp, and Eunice Luttrell.

Doe Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ward, Pauline Eldreth, and Kenneth Brown.

Laurel Fork: Martha Ford, Jones Miller, Doris Miller, Gaither Greene, Robert Holder, and Rannie Fork.

Laytown: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Dula, Mrs. Glenda Dillard, Mrs. Zora Dillard, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Triplett.

Long Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoilman, Roy Woodie, and Myrtle Clark.

Mount Ephriam: Virgil Greer, Virgil Cox, and Olen Miller.

Mount Paron: None listed.

Mount Vernon: Rev. A. C. Moody, Edna Gragg, Betty Greene, Christine Critcher, Monica Critcher, Grace Vannoy, Selma Hollar, Beulah Cook, and Mr. Noble Parks.

New Hopewell: None listed.

Rock Springs: Rev. and Mrs. Carrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Woods, Miss Irene Dula, Mrs. Deloris Dove, Miss Jill Triplett, Mr. Tom Simmons, and Mrs. Charlotte Dawson.

Sandy Flat: Paul Moody, Nell Foster, Doris Tester, Mamie Craig, and Jerry Moretz.

Watauga: Mont Teague, Verilee Teague, Carmlee Ellis, Barbara Franklin, Ray Franklin, and Burnice Byrd.

Yellow Hill: Ellis Beshears, Earl Welborn, Coy Church, Leah Church, Ray Church, and Burl Welborn.

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, subject to amendment:

#### ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this body is the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

#### ARTICLE II—Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Association shall be to assist in the cooperation of Missionary Baptist Churches. The Association shall promote evangelism, fellowship, missions, and Christian Education in the area of the Association; and at the same time co-operating with other associations, the Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention in all work of Southern Baptist.

#### ARTICLE III—Membership

The Association shall consist of Messengers who are members of affiliated churches as follows:

(1) Each church of the Association shall be entitled to five (5) messengers and every church having one hundred members shall be entitled to six (6) messengers, and one additional messenger for every fifty (50) thereafter provided that number does not exceed ten (10).

(2) Pastors of affiliated churches.

(3) Duly elected officers of the Association.

(4) All ordained ministers who are members of the affiliated churches.

## ARTICLE IV—Affiliated Churches

Section 1. Baptist Churches shall be received into fellowship only after having been under the watchcare of the Association for one year. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Moderator, who shall entertain the proper motion and by majority vote receive such church under watchcare.

Section 2. Any church under the watchcare bring an authenticated letter (Regular Letter Form) to the next Annual Association.

Section 3. Baptist churches who are affiliated with and in fellowship with other Baptist Associations may become affiliated with this Association without coming under the watchcare by a majority vote.

Section 4. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interests but in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or policy.

Section 5. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two (2) consecutive years, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to confer with the church, and if a satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the Association, the Association by a majority of its messengers casting ballots may withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

## ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Evangelism, Associational Missionary and V. B. S. Superintendent.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected from the floor by a majority vote at each Annual Meeting. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall not serve in the same capacity for more than two successive years.

Section 3. Other stated Associational Officers, Committees, Representatives, and those giving reports shall be nominated by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI—Officers, Representatives and Reports

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall nominate the following Officers, Representatives, and those giving reports .

(1) Officers: Associational Sunday School Superintendent

Associational VBS Director

Associational Training Union Director

Associational Music Director

Chairman of Evangelism

Associational W. M. U. President to be elected by the Associational W. M. U. and the name given to the Nominating Committee.

(2) Representatives:

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

North Carolina Children's Homes

North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging

Denominational Colleges (Christian Education)

Denominational Literature (Religious Literature)  
 Annuity Board  
 Baptist Foundation  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

(3) Reports:

Home Missions  
 State Missions  
 Foreign Missions  
 Stewardship  
 Cooperative Program  
 Obituaries  
 Temperance and Morals  
 VBS Report  
 WMU Report  
 Sunday School Report  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

#### ARTICLE VII—Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Missionary.

Section 2. The Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. He shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon after the Annual Meeting as possible to select the other committees of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall select the following Committees:

(1) Finance Committee. This committee shall be composed of four (4) members including the Associational Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the Treasurer in guiding the churches to give systematically to Associational work, inform the churches when there is not enough money to meet our obligations, to encourage a special day offering for Associational Missions, and to see that the Associational Clerk is duly compensated.

(2) Time, Place and Preacher. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations as to where the Association shall meet and designate who is to preach the annual sermons.

(3) Program Committee. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members, two of whom shall be the Associational Clerk and Missionary.

(4) Resolutions Committee. This committee shall be composed of two (2) members. It shall be their duty to present to the Association such resolutions as Thanks, Gratitude and other such resolutions they shall deem in order.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between the annual meetings in conformity with the expressed decisions of the Association.

Section 5. Any other committee deemed necessary by the Association shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times between Annual Sessions. Those present shall constitute a quorum after all members have been notified. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to give such notice.

#### ARTICLE VIII—Parliamentary Law

Section 1. The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law" where not otherwise specified by this Constitution or its By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX—Doctrinal Statement

The New Testament is the sole authority for the faith and practice of this Association. We believe the Bible is God's Word.

It shall be understood that ministry or membership in this Association means embracing and supporting, along with other Christian tenets equally or comparably vital the following doctrinal emphasis: The Divine inspiration, supremacy, and authority of the Scriptures. The Scripture shall be the Supreme by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

The Deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutional death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and the premillennial coming of Christ; likewise the sovereignty of God, the total depravity of man, the absolute necessity of regeneration; Scriptural believers baptism by immersion, as prerequisite to church membership; the Lord's Supper administered by the local church; the local church as an autonomous body; separated from the world in Christian deportment; the doctrine of the Trinity as Scripturally maintained; the rapture of the church as the Christian's hope; the resurrection of the body of Christians concurrent with the rapture; the earthwide reign of Christ; the ultimate judgment of the impitent; a heaven of eternal duration for the saved and the eternal punishment in hell for the unsaved.

## ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution may be amended at any Annual session by a vote of two thirds of messengers voting provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Executive Committee two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS

## Article I—Meetings

The Association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in August.

## Article II—Duties of Officers

1. Moderator and Vice Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall be members of the Executive Committee and ex officio members of all standing committees. They shall make appointments as provided for in the constitution.

2. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Association and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed minutes of the Association. He shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the Clerks of Churches affiliated with the Association.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipts, and distribution of all monies. He will keep a record of both and make an annual report to the Association.

4. The Sunday School Superintendent shall direct and promote the Sunday School Program.

5. The Training Union Director shall direct and promote the Training Union Program.

6. The Brotherhood President shall direct and promote the Brotherhood Program.

7. W. M. U. President shall direct and promote the W. M. U. Program.

8. The Vacation Bible School Superintendent shall direct and promote the V. B. S. work, encouraging each church to have a V. B. S.

9. The Music Director shall direct and promote the music ministry of the Association. He shall be present to direct the music at each annual meeting and other Associational functions. He shall have power to choose the Association Pianist. The name of the pianist shall be given to the Clerk as soon as possible after choosing.

10. The Chairman of Evangelism shall direct and promote the program of Evangelism in the Association.

11. The Associational Missionary shall work with the pastors and the department heads of the Association. He shall work to the end that all affiliated churches become involved in all Associational endeavor, but shall at no time go beyond the pastors and officers of the church to hold meetings of any nature in the churches.

12. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Brotherhood President, W. M. U. President, V. B. S. Superintendent, Chairman of Evangelism and Associational Missionary shall each give a report at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

### Article III—Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator.

3. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject without the expressed consent of the Association.

4. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.

5. Any messenger failing to make an assigned report except for a valid reason shall not be assigned to the program for the next Annual Session.

6. All other Decorum not listed here shall be found as provided for the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1.

### Article IV—Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two thirds vote of messengers voting provided the amendment has been read at least one hour prior to the vote.

## PROCEEDINGS

On August 16, 1977, the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Charles Craig. He welcomed all to Laurel Fork Baptist Church which was the host church for the 116th annual session of the association for the first day.

Rev. A. C. Moody led in prayer. The Congregation sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Rev. Max West had devotional reading from the 16th Chapter of Matthew, verse 13-17. His comments—Who do we as Christians say that the son of man is? Is he the son of God that died at Calvary's Cross?

The program was adopted with alterations and changes that might be necessary.

The roll was called with 12 of the 16 churches represented.



The new pastors and workers in the association were recognized: Harold Danner—Mount Ephriam Baptist Church, Howard Carrigan—Rock Springs Baptist Church, Roy Gryder—Associational Training Union Director, and Linda Mills—Associational WMU Director. We welcome all of these into our association.

Following is a list of the pastors of the Stony Fork Association that were present for the first day of our meeting: Max West, Basil Tester, Lloyd Hoilman, A. C. Moody, and Gilbert Ward.

We were glad to have visiting with us Marvin Saunders, Howard Shore, and Theo Hendrix all former pastors in our association.

The following reports were all moved for adoption and approved after being read.

## EVANGELISM REPORT

I think our motto should be: "Win the Lost at any cost." The Bible says in II Timothy 4:5, "Do the work of an Evangelist. Make full proof of thy ministry." The Bible also says in John 4:35, "say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest. Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Here, the Lord is warning us that time is short, although we have more churches, more preachers, more seminaries, and more money. The words of Jeremiah rings louder than ever. "The harvest is past, summer is ended, and still our people are not saved." — Jeremiah 8:30.

There are 12 million Chronic Alcoholics in America. 1 million are teenagers. One half under 14 years of age. Crimes continue to increase at such an alarming rate. It literally threatens to wreck our entire society. But it's not too late. Man can still find God. Jeremiah says, "Ane ye shall seek me and find me when you shall search for me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 28:13.

We are living in an age of grace. But this period of grace will not go on indefinitely as even at this hour we are on borrowed time. "Let us work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work." — John 9:4.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Lloyd Hoilman

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

St. John: Chapter 17 verse 18 says, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." We believe the Cooperative Program is God's plan to support his work all over the world. I am glad to be able to report that giving through the Cooperative Program has gone over last year. Last year the Stony Fork Association gave \$2,803.00 which was a gain of \$597.00 above the year before. This past year we gave \$4,610.00, a gain of \$1,807.00. Giving through the Cooperative Program was up everywhere. We thank our Lord for it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Basil Tester

Mr. Tester spoke to this report. Through the Cooperative Program we can send the gospel to where ever it needs to go. The results are that God has placed his approval upon the Cooperative Program. We must cooperate in our churches. Jesus died for the whole world. Our love for God and fellow man is proved in what we do. There is a need for 1300 missionaries to fill vacancies now. We have got money. We need people to go and tell others about the love of Jesus.

A. C. Moody also spoke concerning the Cooperative Program. Some of our

people have objected to the way the money is being used. Southern Baptist have invested their money to draw interest. If it's wrong for them to invest their money then it is wrong for us to put our money in the bank and let it draw interest. Our Southern Baptist Missionaries are supported through the Cooperative Program. When we send a Missionary overseas we support him through our gifts to the Cooperative Program.

## HOME MISSIONS

As soon as one has been saved by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ Romans 1:16 he has the impulse to reveal to others the glorious fact of such a wonderful Saviour. Personal work means individual effort to lead others to a acceptance of the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Personal witnessing is the impact of one personality upon another personality with the definite objective of leading that one to a knowledge of the Saviour and the power and simplicity of his gospel.

Home missions is not only a high privilege but an imperative obligation. Christ commands it, hence the command to the Christian is "go" and the plea to the sinner is "come". —Matthew 11:28-30.

The plan and will of God is that the teachers of the word and the unsaved be brought into personal contact with each other for the express purpose of being told the way of life and salvation. "And they shall be taught of God every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father cometh unto me." — John 6:45

As soon as Andrew knew Christ he told his brother Peter. The Samaritan woman left her waterpot and told the men of the city that she found Christ.

In keeping with the denominational's 1977-79 theme, "Sharing Christ in Bold Missions in the Secular Society," the Home Mission Board gave major attention to planning a "Bold Mission Thrust in the homeland."

At the close of 1975 a total of 2,124 missionaries were under Home Mission Board appointment. The employed was augmented by 1,208 student summer missionaries, 28 semester missionaries, 34 sojourners (high school students) doing home mission work at no cost to the board. We should give and pray for foreign missionaries. We must pray, give and labor individually in the home mission field.

Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the field, for they are white already to harvest. — John 4:35 God holds us responsible. Are we proving faithful?

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Woods

Mr. Ernest Bustle spoke following this report. We need mission work at home. 25 years ago people were taking off on Sunday and going to Church. Today people have to work on Sunday to make ends meet. People are too tied up in the things of the world and do not have time to worship the Lord. We need to promote mission work in our own state. We are to take the gospel to those who need to hear it.

Betty Greene spoke some about the Bold Mission Thrust. Every Baptist will have to do his part if the Bold Mission Thrust is to be carried out.

Gilbert Ward also spoke saying we must convince people we have been born again. We are to put Christ the center of the Bible. We as Christians are changed, and we are different. People must see these things. We are to be a witness each day, each hour, and every minute that we live. We must live our lives so that others may see that we are different.

## STATE MISSIONS

We need to be more aware of all the many missions in the state of North Carolina. So often we think that because we have so many churches that everyone can be reached with the word of our Lord, but there are many who would never attend church.

North Carolina has numerous mission fields such as Migrant workers, tourists and resort areas, our Indian Reservations, our Lord, but there are many who would never attend church.

North Carolina has numerous mission fields such as Migrant workers, tourists and resort areas, our Indian Reservations, our Baptist Hospitals, Homes for the aged, homes for orphan children and our college campuses. It seems our colleges need more concentrated effort more than other fields at this time. So many are led astray by drugs and alcohol. Our State Missions are aided and assisted by the Cooperative Program and our September collections.

We should give and pray that all people throughout the state will be reached with the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosetta Hollifield

Rev. Howard Carrigan spoke to this report. How many of our churches are supporting State Missions? We need to support our State Missions Program. Our State Missions offering is taken up in September and it is distributed among Fruitland, Deaf ministry, military centers, child care, etc. The Stony Fork Associations goal is \$2,500.00. Some of our churches do not support our mission programs. If we believe the Bible we must spread the word around home first. We must all work together, if we did we could do wonderful. Begin at home with the word and then go out to other parts. Mission work is our job. Carry the message to a lost and dying world. We must live it, and share; reach out, support, and go forward, for a Christian world. State Missions is a special offering taken only one time a year. Ask God what he would have us to do concerning this? Would he not have us to support it with our money?

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

With appointment of 265 missionaries in 1976 a new highpoint was established for the number of missionaries sent forth in a single year. Continued support of foreign missions through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gave encouragement to the 2687 missionaries serving in 82 countries.

Amid tragic events in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, Southern Baptist missionaries have continued to establish a high record of dedication and service.

Throughout the world, very great opportunities for evangelism have prevailed. Large-scale efforts in evangelism have been carried out successfully in Africa as well as in the Orient and Latin America. The challenge of large-scale urban evangelism emerges as one of the most important responsibilities for the days ahead.

In view of widespread suffering throughout the world, Southern Baptists have liberally responded during 1975 with gifts for relief in excess of \$1,600,000.00. Large appropriations have been made for relief work in many lands. The largest appropriations have been made for Bangladesh where the most widespread suffering is found. The tragic famine conditions in West Africa have been eased

somewhat by the coming of rains, but the aftermath of the terrible years of suffering is still evident and more relief measures are needed.

There is a deep conviction that the opportunities for witnessing in the name of Christ on the mission field today are greater than ever before. Calls for additional missionaries continue. There are more than 1,250 missionaries being requested for specific places of service at the present time.

The problem of inflation continues to be vexing both in this country and throughout the world. The sharp increases in the budget of the Foreign Mission Board are necessitated by the demands of inflation as well as sustained progress in the work.

Throughout the year, the Foreign Mission Board has addressed itself intensively to a study of plans for work and the outlook for the future. Dialogues have been conducted with denominational leadership groups, and a Consultation was conducted in Miami, Florida, involving 300 people from all over the world just prior to the meeting of the Convention. All missions of the Board in 82 countries were requested to give prayerful study to all their plans and make recommendations to the Board concerning what should be done in the next 25 years. This great body of material was studied very carefully by the Foreign Mission Board which divided itself into 13 study groups and gave very careful attention to all aspects of the work.

This study fruits in a fresh challenge to Southern Baptists to press forward in the remaining quarter of this century with bold new plans. It is fully anticipated that Southern Baptists will respond to a new thrust in mission advance both by increased giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and by earnest prayer that the Lord of the harvest may thrust laborers into his harvest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Gragg

## STONEY FORK ASSOCIATION MISSIONS REPORT

1975	Over-all Increase	\$122,183.00
1976	Over-all Increase	139,454.00
	Increase over last year	17,271.00
1975	Over-all Missions	18,190.00
1976	Over-all Missions	23,943.00
	Increase over last year	5,753.00
1975	Cooperative Program	3,122.00
1976	Cooperative Program	4,610.00
	Increase over last year	1,488.00

The last year of my work as Associational Mission Director was the happiest. There had been some increase in the work and that gave me more joy.

I want to thank each church and individual for the retirement gift, the station wagon. It carried us over 10,000 miles of trouble-free Missions-Vacation journey.

I am grateful for the joys and privileges of working with the people of Stony Fork Association, a once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity. Pray as we find the Lord's will for the rest of our life.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. E. O. Bustle

Our former Associational Missionary E. O. Bustle spoke following his report. God needs us. We need to give to the Home Mission Board, so that they can pay a Missionary to stay on the field until the people accept Jesus as their Saviour. The world is a mission field. Go and preach the gospel.

annual message by Rev. Raymond Hendrix reading from the 4th Chapter of Acts verses 23-37. Theme: The Church hearing the message of the Church. Go into all verses 23-37. Theme: the Church hearing the message of the Church. Go into all of the world with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's be the people that God would have us to be. Christ gospel is the same it has not changed. Prayer changes things, pray in the spirit and understanding. Have we today lost our vision? Get busy because the fields are already white to harvest. By their fruits you will know them. We have a bad situation in our country today with liquor and drugs. We must keep ourselves unspotted from the world. It is a hard time to preach when the people are hungry for the word of God or when they are filled. Search the scriptures, pray with understanding of the spirit.

The early church has persecutions. We must pray in the holy spirit. The church has left its first love. Keep ourselves separated from the world. God wants the outside cleaned up as well as the inside. Have we lost our vision? We are neither cold nor hot. Have we been the witness that God would have us to be? The church is not doing its work. The preacher, deacons and church members need to work together and pray. To whom does the church belong? The church belongs to a band of people, a group of baptized believers. The church belongs to Christ. The true church belongs to Jesus Christ. Christ purchased the church with his blood. Have we robbed God? God has blessed us; but we have disobeyed God. The church is going to stand through persecutions. Pray that we as God's people will show some of the Glory of God. God is all powerful God knows how to get our attention. God's house is holy ground. We need to get rid of the hatred that we have for one another. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ will stand until God says it's enough. Where there is no vision our people perish.

## Baptist Hospital Report to the Associations 1977

The beautiful stained glass window in the front of Davis Chapel at Baptist Hospital has three large panels, each depicting an aspect of Christ's ministry: healing, teaching, and preaching. The window serves as a reminder to the staff that Baptist Hospital has also been commissioned to this threefold task.

The hospital's primary task, obviously, is healing and it attempts to obtain and use the best personnel and equipment available for the healing task. The medical staff consists of competent, dedicated men and women in all the various specialties of medicine. Persons with rare and complicated medical problems are referred to Baptist Hospital by their family physicians for treatment. Last year 158,863 visits were made in the hospital's Outpatient Department and the Bowman Gray Department of Clinics. There were 22,365 admissions to the hospital for a total of 193,942 patient days. These patients came from 90 counties in North Carolina, from 29 other states and from 3 foreign countries.

Baptist Hospital is also involved in teaching. In cooperation with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, it helped to train 1,188 students



last year for careers in medicine and allied health fields. In addition, there were 87 graduate students in the basic sciences. The hospital also provided clinical facilities for 483 student nurses from 3 nearby schools of nursing and for 120 students in other allied schools. The School of Pastoral Care last year enrolled a total of 75 students in various levels of Clinical Pastoral Education.

The hospital also has a preaching ministry. There is preaching in the formal sense at least four times a week in the worship services held in Davis Chapel. In a less formal sense, the Christian Gospel is proclaimed daily by staff, students, patients and others who witness to their faith in word and deed.

In all of these ministries, Baptist Hospital is mindful of its Christian heritage and its strong tie with the Baptist State Convention. This tie is maintained and strengthened through the services of capable, dedicated trustees who are elected by and are responsible to the Convention. The tie is also strengthened through the financial support from the churches; last year \$294,324 was received through the Cooperative Program and \$405,947 through the Mother's Day Offering.

Several members of the hospital staff have assumed active roles in denominational life at the association level and the state convention level, as well as in their local churches. For the past five years, hospital personnel have assisted in Cooperative Program promotion in at least two associations each year. Staff members are pleased to do everything possible to strengthen the denominational tie, believing that tie adds a dimension to the ministry of healing, teaching and preaching.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mamie Craig

Mr. Calvin Knight was present to talk about the Baptist Hospital. All healing is of God. The Baptist Hospital keeps staff members informed of our Christian heritage. We inform the new employees that this is a Christian institution. We have a lot of good reports from people that have stayed in our hospital. They are grateful for the Christian spirit that they felt while in the hospital.

Mr. William Poole was also with us this day and he spoke briefly concerning the North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. This is their 27th year. When completed, the Western North Carolina Home, in Asheville, will accommodate 50 people, and will bring the total capacity of our Baptist Homes and the Nursing Care Unit to 280. We minister to a wonderful group of people. It is a joy to serve as a servant of the Lord. 10% of our support comes from the Cooperative Program. 25% comes from the special offering received on the third Sunday of February each year. Pray that more space may be made available. Visit the homes for the aging at any time, they would be glad to have you.

Rev. Lloyd Hoilman asked the blessing and then we were dismissed for lunch.

After the enjoyable lunch and the wonderful fellowship we had we assembled for the afternoon session. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. Basil Tester had devotional reading from 1 Corinthians the 3rd chapter. We are laborers together with God. We are one church, the church of the living God. Do we have a right to call ourselves Missionary Baptist if we are not carrying out his word. We need to come back from where we started from and take God at his word. Go out in the power of the spirit. My prayer for the Stony Fork Association is that we would come together as one to carry out the great commission.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our world today is in greater need than ever before for our people to be educated and trained as Christians. In recent years we have been shocked into an awareness of our need for better education for children, youth, and even adults. The best minds among us are saying that scientific education is not enough. More important is an education in the moral and spiritual realm. We face an immediate and urgent need to educate our people to know Christ and to follow the teachings of the Bible. Recently one of our news commentators has commented the reason we are having so much crime in our nation is lack of education.

Every church has a responsibility to see that every member is taught the Scriptures. Christian education is learning to live Christ like. Christian education should begin in the home, then continue in our church, and we should encourage our young people to attend our Christian colleges. Without Christian education we do not need to expect a better tomorrow for our nation.

Let us as Christians pray and strive to teach our people to have a greater desire to learn and obey the Bible for the Bible exalts knowledge and deplores ignorance.

PROVERBS 3:13 — "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Critcher

Mr. Abrams from Gardner-Webb College was also with us and he spoke briefly concerning the college. Gardner-Webb is a liberal arts college. The college tries to develop a Christian atmosphere. We have the responsibility of training ministers, missionaries, etc. This fall we have a new program that is to train the deaf. The Co-operative Program and the Father's Day Offering help with some of the finances. Pray for our Baptist colleges. Let them be stewards of our young people and our money.

## RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

There are many sources of religious literature available to Baptist people, through the Baptist Book Stores and our Sunday School board. One of God's requirements as Christians is to "teach" and "learn." What better way can we achieve this goal than through the proper literature.

What is perhaps the greatest challenge faced in all the history of Southern Baptists is before our people for the remaining 23 years of the 20th century. It has been called "Bold Missions Thrust," and the success of the venture is yet to be determined. There is no doubt concerning the importance or the motivation for the undertaking, but there is uncertainty as to whether the motivating message will be successfully communicated to some 13 million Southern Baptists, and to our more than 34,000 churches. Without adequate communication channels, the program cannot succeed.

The heart of the program is to evangelize and congregationalize the world's population, and the thrust is confronting all human beings everywhere with the gospel, and affording them the opportunity of knowing and trusting Christ as Saviour, and then leading them to understanding of His Lordship.

The program is so big, and the challenge so great, that every Baptist must be



involved to make it successful. Not since Jesus presented his disciples the goal of going into all the world has such boldness been demonstrated.

The most difficult problems faced in our churches are related to communications. When people are uninformed, poorly informed, or misinformed, they get into trouble. When they know what is taking place in their local congregation and in the denomination, interest is generated and cooperation results. Openness is therefore important, and the purpose of the BIBLICAL RECORDER is to keep Baptist church members informed concerning involvement in their denomination, and in the Christian world.

In light of developments presently underway in our denomination, it is important that every Baptist church member in N. C. receive the BIBLICAL RECORDER weekly. Already more than 1100 churches in our state are providing through their budgets for the RECORDER to go to all resident families. The Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a circulation goal of eight million for state papers by 1980. The SBC believes that every Baptist family ought to be receiving its state Baptist paper. RECORDER circulation approaches 120,000 but should be increased in the immediate future to 150,000.

If your church is not sending the RECORDER to resident families at the present time, arrangements should be made immediately to do so by incorporating it in your church budget. Costing less than half the price of a postage stamp per issue, it is delivered by U. S. mail directly to your home address.

The RECORDER doesn't cost; it pays! Your church will be a healthier congregation if you provide the RECORDER for your resident families. It is the most widely read piece of literature received by North Carolina Baptists. No investment pays greater dividends.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelby J. Miller and J. Marse Grant  
Editor BIBLICAL RECORDER

Woodrow Hill, assistant Editor, of the Biblical Recorder spoke concerning the program that the convention now has set up known as "Bold Mission Thrust." Between now and the close of this century we hope to tell everyone in this country about Jesus. We are in trouble; some of our people do not have enough water. We are moving very fast to the time that we believe that the Lord will return. We need to get the gospel to the people before Christ returns. We have the best means today to present the world with the gospel.

We have missionaries in 86 countries. We have 6 seminaries with a greater enrollment than we have ever had before. Our problem is communication. The Biblical Recorder is a good way to keep informed. It needs to go into the membership of your church. Make arrangements at your church to get the Biblical Recorder.

## BROTHERHOOD REPORT

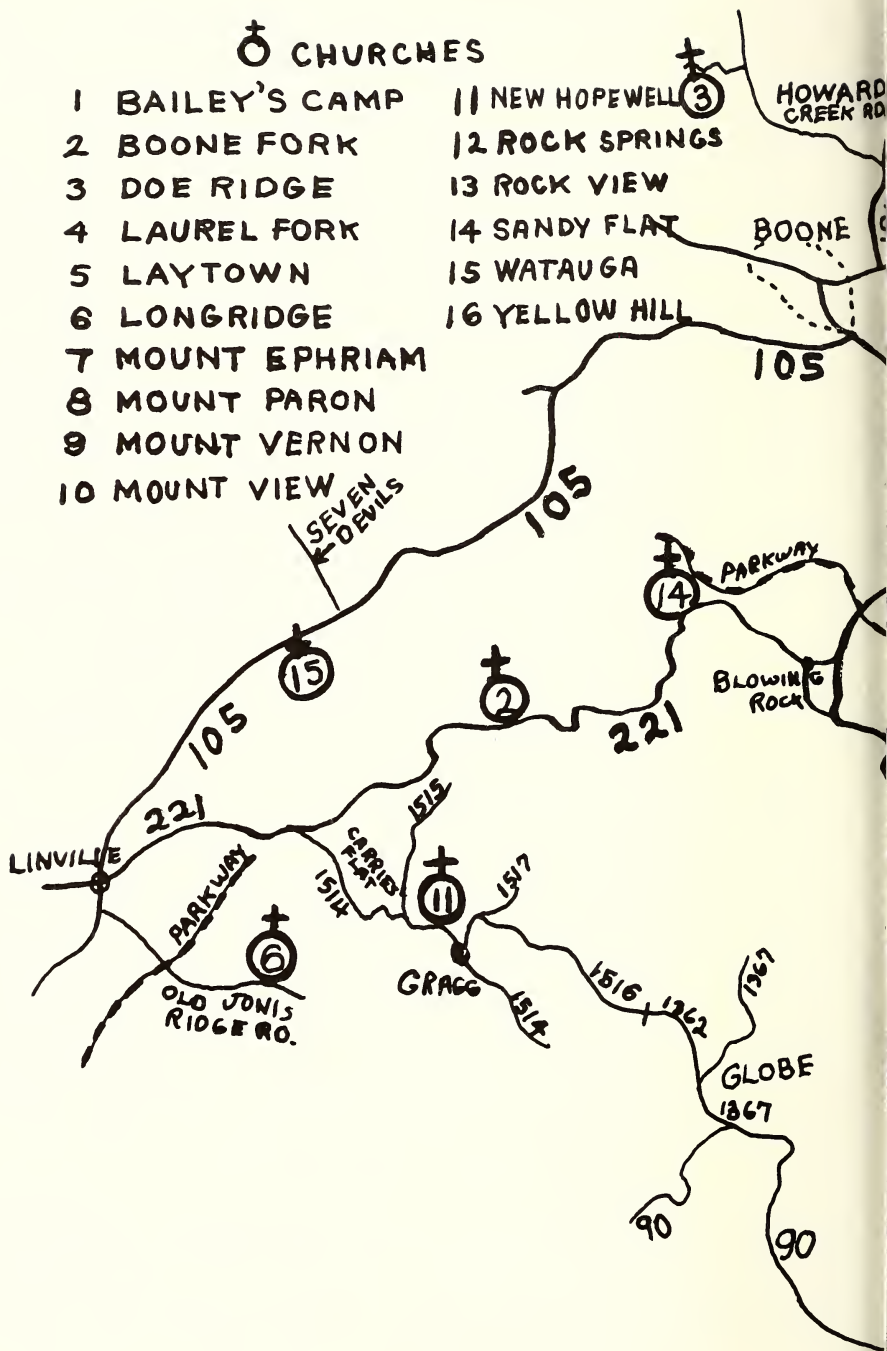
Brotherhood work in our Association is fast becoming one of our greatest needs. We have men in all churches that seem to meet their churches' needs but we live in a world today that calls for organization of all mankind. We have God's word telling us when we unite as Christians we become a much stronger force carrying the gospel. In the upcoming year let's organize and reunite our Brotherhoods and make it one of our stronger points in our local church as well as our Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Perry



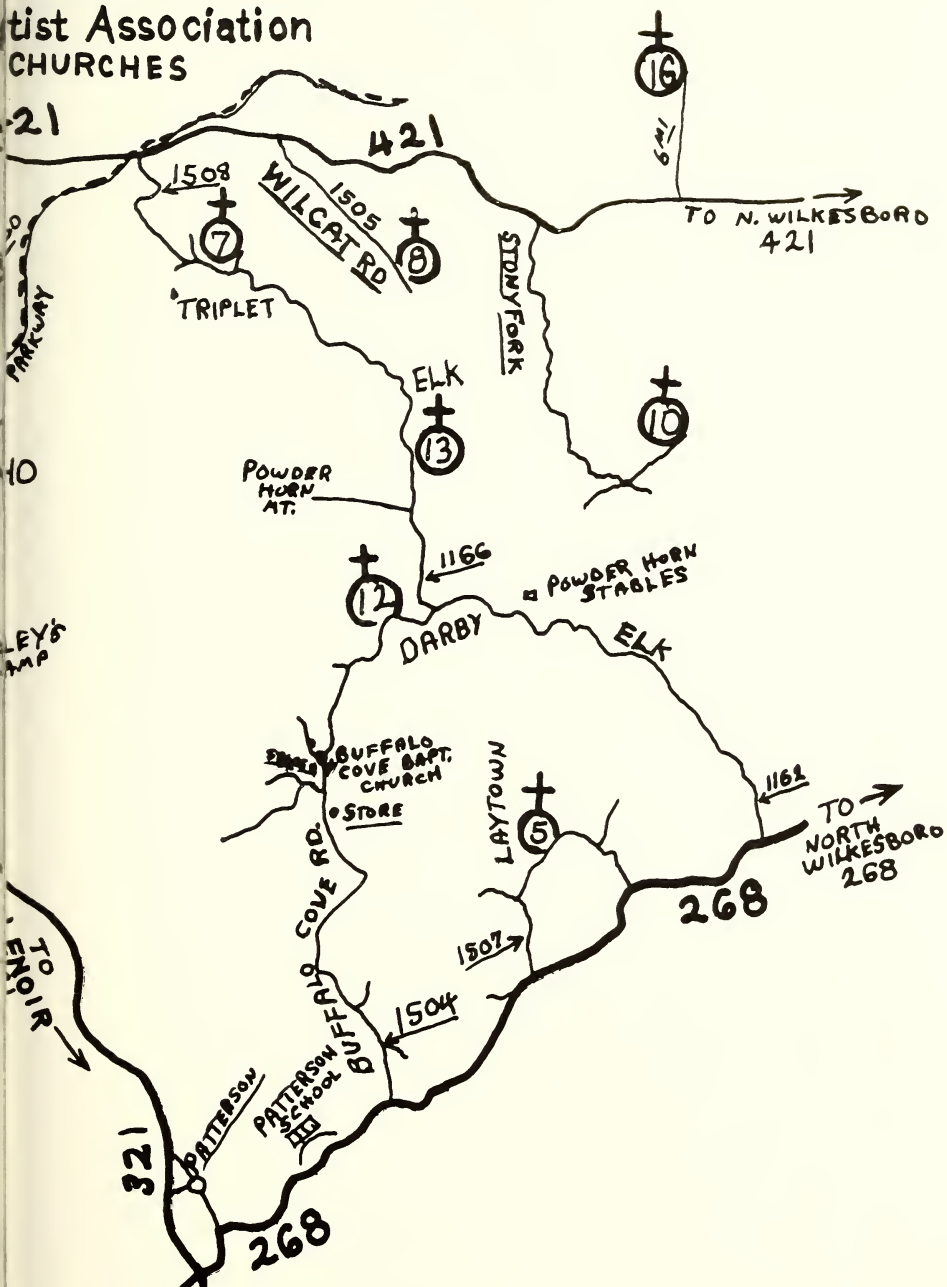
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## TRAINING UNION

In the 28th chapter of Matthew, verse 19, are recorded the words of the risen Christ: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." We believe that this is a call for all Christians to serve as disciples of Christ. Because of this call the emphasis of the 1976-77 Church Training program has been "Exploring Discipleship at Church, the Sunday Night Place To Be." The goal is to make training in discipleship available to every Christian, that they may know the joy and fulfillment of being an active agent of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

One of the sweetest and most rewarding results of advancing in discipleship is in the fellowship of Christian people growing closer in the bonds of Christian love. The high point of the training union year is the annual "M" Night program, when all the members of the association are invited to gather together to worship and fellowship.

"M" Night was held on October 3, 1976 at Mt. Vernon Church. There were 169 in attendance representing 6 churches in the association with 7 present from outside the association.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that as I serve as your associational training union director it is my sincere desire to help you in any way I can. If I can ever assist in advancement or establishment of training union in your church, please call on me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Gryder

## STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship — what is it? Stewardship is management for others. Matthew 25:14 "For the Kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods." As stewards concerning the things of this earth we can see by the polluted air, polluted water and land and misuse of our resources that man as a whole, we are poor stewards or managers. As stewards of the word of God have we as God's people been good stewards of the gospel of Christ as a convention, association, a church or as a individual witness. I Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Max West

## ANNUITY BOARD 1977

Since 1918 the Annuity Board has helped Southern Baptist Convention ministers and Lay employees plot a course to a secure future and a better present. The year 1976 saw the board take a giant leap in this effort. What lies ahead for the Annuity Board's 60th year in 1977 and 1978? The 183 full and part-time employees at the board are putting the finishing touch on a new route for Southern Baptist workers to follow in planning for retirement. Churches and agencies will be encouraged to participate on a minimum basis in the new Southern Baptist Retirement Program, 10 per cent of total compensation or salary paid." Every minister and lay employee needs and deserves this 10 per cent minimum if they are to have sufficient retirement income. To promote the new program, the board has launched a promotional

campaign labeled Route 10. This new retirement program will officially begin January 1, 1978. All of our present and new programs make a reality of the Annuity Board motto "Serving those who serve the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Miller

Marvin Saunders talked about the Annuity Board and how that he had to retire and how the Annuity Board's retirement plan had helped him. It helps the retired ministers. He urged the churches to do this for their Pastor, if they had not already.

## BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation Inc. was established in 1919 to give sound support and a firm base to all the good and noble efforts of North Carolina Baptist in their state and in world programs of Missions and the Ministry of Christ.

The Foundation provides a program whereby contributions may be made and the proceeds and earnings of which will be used for Baptist causes designated by the donor. Contributions may be made in different ways, such as donations, life insurances, wills, etc. The Foundation puts a major interest in the making of wills which will "Keep on giving for the living."

Often we are reminded, "We can't take it with us," but we should not forget that we can determine what happens to it when we are gone. We will be leaving here someday, and just what we do here will last. What we do through the Baptist Foundation will keep on doing after we are gone. "Because Abel was dead, and yet speaketh" — Heb. 11:4, I would like to keep saying something for the Lord on and on.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Woodie

Rev. Gilbert Ward, benediction. This ended the first day of our annual meeting.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the second day of the annual session of the Stony Fork Association together at Laytown Baptist Church, on August 17, 1977.

Prayer by Rev. E. O. Bustle. The congregation sang, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and "Jesus Paid It All." Rev. Phillip Martin had devotional reading from the 116th chapter of Psalms verses 1-2. Comments as follows — Read and study God's word. Take it in our hearts. Let's get more interested in the Lord's work in the Stony Fork Association and be determined to stay with the Lord. Band together to work for the Lord. Give God the Glory.

## WMU REPORT

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." The Stony Fork Associational WMU is made up of 7 Baptist Women Organizations: Mount Vernon, Rock Springs, Laurel Fork, Sandy Flat, Boones Fork, Long Ridge, and Bailey Camp. 4 GA's: Rock Springs, Mount Vernon, Long Ridge and Boones Fork. 3 Acteens: Rock Springs, Mount Vernon and Long Ridge. 3 Mission Friends: Boones Fork, Mount Vernon, and Long Ridge.

Our annual WMU met with Long Ridge Baptist Church. A delicious meal was



served. The meeting was called to order, officers were elected and approved. Our guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Clark from the Broyhill Home. They told of their work there as houseparents and some of the needs there now. All groups have had regular meetings once a month. They gave regularly to Broyhill Home for the support of a child. They had their week of prayer for foreign and home missions meeting their set goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and Annie Armstrong Easter offering. We also gave to the State Mission and Heck-Jones offering. We had the study of the "Scent of Spring" our home mission book. Our area Missionary, Rev. James Lambert was our instructor. We had 4 regular council meetings. It was decided in one of our meetings to give tithes on our intake to the Cooperative Program. We gave Rev. E. O. Bustle a love gift of \$50.00 to be used on his going to another field in the Northwest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Doris Tester

## TEMPERANCE AND MORALS

My experience through life has convinced me that while moderation and temperance in all things are commendable and highly beneficial, abstinence from some things is the best safeguard to morals and health. Today, more than ever before, we are faced with areas of deep concern in which the people of God need to cry the alarm. There is gross moral decay in our land with dope, alcohol, and low morality devouring our cherished Christian culture.

One major crime is committed every three and eight tenths seconds, over six million criminals are at large committing every known crime every day. Over 33 million dollars was spent last year on advertising whisky and beer. This is more than was given for all mission causes. We now have one saloon for every sixty people in America, two for every church, and five for every public school.

We deplore the flagrant sale and use of illegal drugs and we are shamed and disgusted when the leaders in our government will suggest to our Congress that laws be enacted to protect those who are engaged in its sale and use. When this happens we must say, there is a low premium on humanity.

The cause of righteousness and temperance is plagued and cursed more by compromising Christians than anything else. Some people have, for financial reasons, camouflaged, compromised, and left off prayer while soothing their souls with half-lies, walking by sight instead of faith until God can only smite the land upon which we walk.

It is our candid opinion that every ABC Store is operated under a double standard. What we mean by double standard is this: If the State, under the guise of license, can delegate to the liquor industry a legal existence then it is granting them the legal right to make widows and orphans, break homes and hearts, create misery and crime, and the legal right to fill our jails with what could have been good citizens.

Any Christian afraid to lift his voice against such vice is not worthy of the name.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. C. Moody

Betty Greene spoke following the report on Temperance and Morals. Stand up for what's right. Take a stand against those things which are not pleasing to God. We have God's word to tell us what is right and what is wrong. Pornography is another thing that we as God's people should be concerned about. Parents are

at fault because we don't take a stand against these things. Let's take a stand: Parents wake up.

It was discussed in our meeting concerning the Senate Bill No. 735 which is a bad bill because it adds Liquor-by-the-drink sales on top of brown-bagging. It was decided that the clerk of the Association send each member of the A.B.C. Committee of the House of Representatives a letter concerning the way they voted for the bill.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School Clinic was held on May 6 at Mount Vernon Church. The conference leaders were: Pastors and Directors — Rev. Howard Carrigan, Rock Springs; Youth — Rev. Jack Bryant, Avery Association; Older Children — Mrs. Carroll Woods, Rock Spring; Middle Children — Mrs. Roy Barbee; Younger Children — Mrs. Howard Carrigan, Rock Springs; Pre-School — Miss Irene Dula, Rock Springs; Mrs. Beatrice Banner, Avery Association. There were 29 present representing 5 churches with 3 pastors present and our director of missions.

This year our reports show that we had 10 churches with Vacation Bible Schools. Total Vacation Bible School enrollment was 647 which was an increase of 2 over 1976.

It has been my privelege to serve the Lord and the Stony Fork Association as Vacation Bible School director for eleven years. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the co-operation and support you have given me during this time. I ask that you give this same support to the new Vacation Bible School director. I pledge to you my continued prayers and support for Vacation Bible School work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Woods

Rev. Howard Carrigan spoke following this report. Support a Vacation Bible School. Give God some time and you will have time left to do other things. It is a great opportunity for children. Next year when VBS comes around go and learn what must be done. The clinics are designed to train people for the work of the Lord. I challenge you as a church or individual to take a hold of these things and learn about the Lord's business.

FINANCE REPORT

In treasury on 1976. . . . .	\$574.79
Paid for Minutes. . . . .	416.00
Clerk . . . . .	100.00
Mileage for V.B.S. Clinic . . . . .	15.20
Marlene Johnson . . . . .	40.00
A. V. Washburn retirement . . . . .	3.20
Total Expenditures . . . . .	513.65
Money churches sent after May which would normally went to our	
Associational Missionary . . . . .	165.00
Boone Fork sent in addition for Clerk . . . . .	10.00
Doe Ridge sent Association . . . . .	30.00
Associational Expense taken up at Laytown. . . . .	70.77
Total in treasury in 1977. . . . .	683.91

## TOTAL PAID IN FOR MINUTES IN 1977 AS FOLLOWS

Bailey Camp . . . . .	20.00
Boone Fork . . . . .	30.00
Doe Ridge . . . . .	20.00
Laurel Fork . . . . .	50.00
Laytown . . . . .	15.00
Long Ridge . . . . .	15.00
Mount Ephriam . . . . .	10.00
Mount Paron. . . . .	25.00
Mount Vernon. . . . .	100.00
Rock Springs . . . . .	20.00
Sandy Flat . . . . .	25.00
Watauga . . . . .	15.00
Yellow Hill. . . . .	12.00
TOTAL. . . . .	357.00

## AMOUNT PAID IN FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Boone Fork . . . . .	45.00
Laurel Fork . . . . .	250.00
Long Ridge . . . . .	110.00
Mount Vernon. . . . .	800.00
Rock Springs . . . . .	200.00
Sandy Flat. . . . .	55.00
TOTAL. . . . .	1,460.00

Following the Finance Report the Congregation sang "Are You Washed in The Blood Of The Lamb," an offering of \$70.77 was taken up for Associational Expense.

## HOME FOR THE AGING

In recent years more people have become aware of the growing needs of the aging. By the year 2000, for example, persons over the age 65 will comprise one of the largest segments of the population. Baptist need to plan now to meet these situations. The North Carolina Baptist Homes For The Aging respond to these concerns in many ways. At present, 230 people are served in five homes in Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. The demand for elderly care, however, far exceeds available facilities. Literally hundreds of people are waiting to find a place to live. One of the greatest needs is among the aging sick. The completion of the new Western North Carolina Home in Asheville will add space for another 50 persons. The new 18 apartment complex in Winston-Salem will provide for 72 people. An additional 240 person nursing care unit is planned for the near future. The Homes' long range planning committee has called for space for 500 aging citizens by 1980. All of these plans and dreams require the love, devotion, and stewardship of North Carolina Baptists. Ninety percent of the current residents can not pay full cost. These aging people are dependent upon gifts through the Cooperative Program and special offerings. This past spring the Baptist Homes For The Aging received a check for \$127,168.36 the largest single check ever received in the Homes' 26 year history. Of this amount \$112,160.57

came from the special Valentine Offering in February. The balance was from the Cooperative Program \$13,923.68, and for the new proposed Western North Carolina Home \$1,084.11. The check is a new record for the Homes For The Aging.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gaither Greene

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1977

Baptist of North Carolina provide a ministry of love and care to children, young people and their families. The program is more than rooms and meals and activities and recreation. It's more than buildings and grounds. The care of children is missions. . .reaching out with a helping hand; it is evangelism. . .sharing the joy of life in Christ; it is love and affection. . .the giving of hugs and kisses and friendship; it is education . . . teaching and appreciation for the finer things in life; it is restoration. . .enabling families to function again.

CAMPUSES at Mills Home, Thomasville; Kennedy Home, Kinston; Odum Home, Pembroke; and Broyhill Home, Waynesville-Clyde continue to serve as centers of service and operation in their respective areas of the state.

FOSTER HOME CARE, a statewide program of the Homes, is vital to numbers of children needing special help. Additional foster homes are needed throughout the state. We welcome opportunities to talk with prospective foster parents about this area of service.

THE EMERGENCY SHELTER at Forest City is meeting a critical need in western North Carolina. It provides a ready resource for children who need help immediately. During a period of one to ninety days responsible planning is made for the child's future.

THE MATERNITY HOME in Asheville, opened in 1970, has proved to be a much-needed and well-received service. More than three hundred girls have been served from throughout North Carolina and beyond. It is recognized for its quality of care and Christian concern.

SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS enable us to work with families in providing services to children, family rehabilitation, family education and preventive services. These Centers are located at Waynesville, Asheville, Charlotte, Thomasville, Burlington, Raleigh, Kinston, Fayetteville and Pembroke.

THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER on the Mills Home Campus at Thomasville provides a demonstration program for churches who are interested in establishing services for preschool age children in nursery school education, day care and kindergarten. We welcome opportunities to assist churches any place in the State who want to develop this type program.

Members of our staff are anxious to have you and members of your churches visit Broyhill Home. To see, observe and to feel in person what it is like to live in a children's home is to appreciate our child care ministry. Thank you for your dependable support in numerous ways. It shall be our purpose to keep this a dynamic ministry and to meet the needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Brown

We were glad to have Charles F. Hodges, Editor of "Charity & Children" with us. He spoke briefly following the Children's Homes Reprot. Child Care is very important. If you would like to receive Charity & Children you can individually or through a Church Budget Plan. For more information write Charity and Children, Box 338, Thomasville, N. C. 27360.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

What's ahead for our people in 1977-78? What can we, as an Association do to make this coming year one of the best ever? We need to pray about our Sunday Schools and our place in it. Praying about the needs and plans is the beginning of hope, assurance and joy. We need to plan for exciting adventuresome times for our Sunday Schools. Growth, improved teaching, and caring outreach do not happen spontaneously; they must be desired, planned for, and worked at before they can be realized. We need to work. There is no substitute for dedicated work. High attendance Sunday will be observed by North Carolina Baptists October 30. The goal for 1977 is 500,000 in Bible Study on this day. This should challenge us to reach out and enlist others. In 1976 our churches reported an enrollment of 1165.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Woods

Mr. Woods spoke following his report. We have set down on God. We need to go out and tell others about God's love and ask them to come to Sunday School. We must bear fruit. Let's get busy and be about our father's business.

The roll was called with 9 of the churches being represented.

Before the annual message the congregation sang "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Rev. Max West brought the message reading from the 1st chapter of Acts, verses 1-8. What can we do to improve our Association, our church? What can we do and what will we do? Christ gave the command to the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. Wait patiently for that that has been promised. Every child of God that is saved has the Holy Spirit. We need to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We quench the spirit of God. We cannot be a witness for God without the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot do the work of God ourselves. Search our lives and find out what's wrong in our individual life. Are we witnesses when we leave the church? What do we need in our churches? We do not have any influence on the world because we do not have the power of God. If we had the Spirit of God in our churches, we would have all the money that we need in our churches and in our convention, without having to plead and beg for money. We must have power first. What will we do about it? The need of our church? Association and our lives? If God blesses us with disaster—maybe America would turn back to God. Will we depend on the Lord to lead us? What will we do in the years to come? Will we go on as we have for years? Be willing to say "Thy Will Be Done."



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee met four times during the year. We discussed raising the clerk's salary from \$60.00 to \$100.00. This was to be taken up later at the annual Associational Meeting.

At the annual meeting it was decided that the Executive Committee would set up a calendar of activities and a copy would be placed in each church and it would be published in the minutes.

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

M Night	Rock Springs	October 2, 1977 7:30 p.m.
WMU Prayer Retreat & Business Meeting	Mount Vernon beginning at 6:00 with a covered dish supper	October 29, 1977 6:30 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	January 13, 1978 7:30 p.m.
WMU Council Meeting	Boone Fork	January 29, 1978 2:30 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	April 14, 1978 7:30 p.m.
WMU Council Meeting	Rock Springs	April 30, 1978 2:30 p.m.
WMU Annual Meeting	Mount Vernon beginning at 6:00 with a covered dish supper	May 4, 1978 6:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	July 14, 1978 7:30 p.m.
WMU Council Meeting	Laurel Fork	July 30, 1978 2:30 p.m.
Annual Associational Meeting	Mount Ephriam	August 15, 1978 9:00 a.m.
Annual Associational Meeting	Long Ridge	August 16, 1978 9:00 a.m.
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	October 13, 1978 7:30 p.m.

## RESOLUTIONS

We would like to thank the churches Laurel Fork and Laytown for the wonderful reception that we received. We thank each one that had a part in our meetings. Our appreciation goes out to the ladies of each church that have prepared food for the association. We thank all for the wonderful fellowship that we have had at both churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gaither Greene

## IN MEMORIAM

Since our last association fifteen of our beloved members have passed away. Mr. H. C. Hollifield from Boone Fork; Mrs. Channie Ashley from Laurel Fork; Mr. W. H. Benson, Mr. June Triplett, Mr. C. C. Triplett, Mr. Russell Triplett, and Mrs. Della Cox from Mount Ephriam; Mrs. Josie Critcher from Mount Vernon; Mr. Marshall Dula and Mr. Zeb Triplett from Rock Springs; Mr. Larry Tipton from Sandy Flat; Mr. Russell Church and Mrs. Sarah Fletcher from Yellow Hill; Mr. Tom Johnson from Watauga; Columbus Simons from Mt. Paron.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator — Charles Craig  
Vice Moderator — Basil Tester  
Clerk — Barbara West

## TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

The first day will be at Long Ridge Baptist Church, with Rev. Basil Tester with the message and Phillip Martin as alternate.

The second day will be at Mount Ephriam Baptist Church, with Rev. A. C. Moody with the message and Max West, as alternate.

### Discussion:

It was decided that at the next Executive Committee Meeting following the annual meeting we would decide if we needed an Associational Missionary and that at that time a Mission Committee would be nominated.

### Motion to adjourn:

Phillip Martin led in prayer: Following this we all assembled outside for a wonderful lunch and a good time for fellowship one with another.



### TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

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TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL			YEAR ENDING		July	1977																							
Association																													
Stony Fork																													
North Carolina																													
Associational Sunday School Director																													
Carroll Woods																													
Rt. 2																													
City			State		Zip																								
Ferguson			N. C.		28624																								
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																													
CHURCHES																													
Baileys Camp	Gene Ford, Rt. 8, Lenoir, N. C. 28645		0	3	8	20	3	20	7	2	2	65	52	0	0	0	69	69											
Boone Fork	Mark Mills, Rt. 1, Box 326, Blowing Rock, 28605		5	7	10	11	0	0	30	0	0	3	66	51	1	25	0	65	0	65									
Doe Ridge	Walter Tester, Rt. 5, Boone, NC 28607		0	3	4	6	0	0	14			27		0	0	0	37	0	37										
Laurel Fork	Robert Holder, Rt. 4, Boone, NC 28607		7	9	18	13	4	14	33	9	0	5	112	71	0	0	62	0	62										
Laytown	Fritz Dula, Rt. 5, Box 326, Lenoir, NC 28645		1	0	1	8	1	3	12	8	0	3	37	20	1	12	0	0	0	0									
Long Ridge	David Anthony, Rt. 3, Newland, NC 28657		2	4	6	5	4	10	10	4			45	34			59	59											
Mount Ephriam	Claude Wheeler, Rt. 4, Boone, NC 28607		2			15		20					42				0	0	0	0									
Mount Paron	Paul Greene, Deep Gap, NC 28618		1	0	15	0	5	20	30				71	75	1	10	0	0	0	0									
Mount Vernon	John Moody, Rt. 4, Boone, NC 28607		3	21	23	35	15	20	30	25		6	228	135	1		171	171											
New Hopewell	William P. Vines, Star Rt., Box 154, Lenoir, NC 28624		2	8	5	3	4	10	18	18	0	4	72	45	0	0	71	71											
Rock Springs	Ned Hall, Rt. 2, Ferguson, NC 28624		4	9	23	15	4	4	46	12	0	3	120	81	0	0	79	0	79										
Sandy Flat	Frank Craig, Box 183, Blowing Rock, NC 28605		0	1	9	9	2	5	8	12	0	0	46	28	0	0	35	35											
Watauga	Marvin Auton, Rt. 3, Boone, NC 28607		1	7	12	15	4	14	49	16	12	4	5	139	87	32	0	36	36										
Yellow Hill	Burl Welborn, Rt. 1, Purllear, NC 28665		0	7	4	9	4	6	10	4	0	4	48	25	0	25	0	23	23										
TOTALS			26	81	138	164	50	106	330	115	12	6	35	0	1076	746	36	72	0	607	0	607	0	607	0	607	0	607	0

# TABLE C TRAINING UNION

TABLE C TRAINING UNION		YEAR ENDING JULY 1977																					
Association		(Month & Day)																					
Stony Fork																							
Shaw																							
North Carolina																							
Associational Training Union Director																							
Roy Gryder																							
Address		City		State		Zip																	
Rt. 1		Blowing Rock,		NC		28605																	
CHURCHES		TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																					
Baileys Camp		Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605						74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	New Member Registration			86	87	88	
Boone Fork		None															Children						
Doe Ridge		Michael Brown, Rt. 5, Box 389A, Boone, NC 28607						1	1	3	8						Youth						
Laurel Fork		Keith Perry, Rt. 4, Boone, NC 28607						6	11	8	0	17	0	2	0	44	Adult			0	0	0	
Mount Vernon		William M. Brown, Rt. 4, Box 161, Boone, NC 28607						5	12	14	24	28		2		85	Total Training Union						
Rock Springs		Mrs. Rainie Shew, Rt. 2, Box 42A, Ferguson, NC 28624						2	16	15	3	17	4	2	0	56	Enrollment of church						
Sandy Flat		Michael Moody, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605						1	1	4	2	7	8	2	0	23	General officers enrollment						
		TOTALS						17	48	57	33	100	19	10	0	279	Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over)			10	6	10	
																	Adult enrollment (30-59 years)						
																	Young Adult enrollment (10-29 years or H.S. graduation through 25 years)						
																	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or Grades 7-12)						
																	Children enrollment (6-11 years or Grades 1-6)						
																	Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)						
																	Enrollment of missions						
																	Church Leader Training Registration						
																	Short Term Member Training Project Registration						
																	Average weekly Church Training Attendance						

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC			YEAR ENDING		July 31		1977															
Association					(Month & Day)																	
State																						
Associational Music Director																						
Mont Teague																						
Address	City		State		Zip																	
	Boone		NC		28607																	
CHURCHES			MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																			
Baileys Camp	Ransom Harmon, Rt. 8, Lenoir, NC 28645		2		8		14		21													
Doe Ridge	Anville Hardy, Rt. 5, Boone, NC 28607																					
Laurel Fork	Nancy Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605		8		17		12		20													
Long Ridge	Roy Woodie, Rt. 2, Newland, NC 28657																					
Mount Ephriam	Wilma Lancaster, Triplett, NC 28686																					
Mount Vernon	John Payne, Rt. 1, Boone, NC 28607				18		18		40								4				80	
Rock Springs	Mrs. Clara Robbins, Rt. 2, Ferguson, NC 28624		3		16		9		20								2				50	
Sandy Flat	Kathy Townsend, Rt. 3, Boone, NC 28607		1		2		4		1												8	
Watauga	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone, NC 28607		3		4		4		13								1				25	
Yellow Hill	Ellis Beshears, Rt. 1, Box 238, Purlear, NC 28665																					
			17		65		61		114								11				279	
TOTALS																						

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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## TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

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## TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES

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MINUTES  
of the  
STONY FORK MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
NORTH CAROLINA  
1978

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With  
Long Ridge Baptist Church  
August 15, 1978  
and with  
Mount Ephriam Baptist Church  
August 16, 1978

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Next session will be held with Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Route 4, Boone, N. C., August 14, 1979. Annual message by Harold Bean, and alternate Lloyd Hoilman.

Second day will be held at Boone Fork Baptist Church, Route 1, Box 326, Blowing Rock, N. C., August 15, 1979. Annual message by Howard Carrigan, and alternate Harold Danner.

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## SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1979 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Morning Session, August 14, 1979  
Mount Vernon Baptist Church

9:00 Call to Order	Howard Carrigan
9:15 Song	Congregation
9:20 Devotional	A. C. Moody
9:30 Adoption of Program	
9:35 Roll Call	Clerk
9:40 Recognition of New Pastors and workers	Moderator
9:45 Evangelism	Lloyd Hoilman
10:00 Cooperative Program	Basil Tester
10:15 Home Missions	Nancy Wood
10:25 State Missions	Howard Carrigan
10:35 Foreign Missions	Christine Critcher
10:45 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention	Roy Smith
10:55 Annual Message	Harold Bean
Alternate	Lloyd Hoilman
11:45 Hospital Report	Mamie Craig
12:00 Lunch	

### Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:00 Song	Congregation
1:05 Devotional	
1:15 Christian Education	Betty Greene
1:25 Religious Literature	Shelby Miller
1:35 Training Union	Roy Gryder
1:45 Stewardship	Cecil Wood
1:55 Annuity	Doris Miller
2:05 Baptist Foundation	Roy Woodie
2:15 Discussion	
2:25 Adjourn	

Wednesday Morning Session August 15, 1979  
Boone Fork Baptist Church

9:00 Call to Order . . . . .	Howard Carrigan
9:05 Song . . . . .	Congregation
9:10 Devotional . . . . .	Cannon Ward
9:20 WMU . . . . .	Linda Mills
9:30 Temperance and Morals . . . . .	A. C. Moody
9:40 Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Edith Gryder
9:50 Finance Report . . . . .	Barbara West
10:00 Home for Aged . . . . .	Beatrice Brown
10:15 Children's Home . . . . .	Charles Craig
10:30 Sunday School . . . . .	Carroll Woods
10:40 Annual Message . . . . .	Howard Carrigan
Alternate . . . . .	Harold Danner
11:30 Executive Report . . . . .	Howard Carrigan
11:40 Resolutions . . . . .	Paul Moody and Charles Craig
11:50 Obituaries . . . . .	Bonnie Walsh
11:55 Time, Place and Preacher . . . . .	Fritz Dula
12:00 Election of Officers	
12:10 Benediction	
12:20 Lunch	

## DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator . . . . .	Howard Carrigan, Rt. 2, Box 40, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Vice-Moderator . . . . .	Max West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Clerk . . . . .	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Associational BTU Director . . . . .	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Assistant . . . . .	Gaither Greene, Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Associational WMU Director . . . . .	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 326, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Associational VBS Worker . . . . .	Edith Gryder, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Associational S. S. Superintendent . . . . .	Carroll Woods, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Assistant . . . . .	Gary Hawkins, Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Associational Evangelism Chm. . . . .	Lloyd Hoilman, Rt. 1, Newland, N. C.	28657
Associational Music Director . . . . .	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone, N. C.	28607
Associational Pianist . . . . .	Jill Triplett, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Associational Stewardship Chm. . . . .	Cecil Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. C. Moody . . . . .	Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Cannon Ward . . . . .	Sugar Grove, N. C.	28679
Basil Tester . . . . .	Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Barbara West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Howard Carrigan . . . . .	Rt. 2, Box 40, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Gary Hawkins . . . . .	Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Barbara West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Howard Carrigan Chm. . . . .	Rt. 2, Box 40, Ferguson, N. C.	28624
Harold Bean . . . . .	P. O. Box 261, Hudson, N. C.	28638
Cannon Ward . . . . .	Sugar Grove, N. C.	28679
Phillip Martin . . . . .	Rt. 8, Box 381, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Harold Danner . . . . .	Zionville, N. C.	

## TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

Phillip Martin . . . . .	Rt. 8, Box 381, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
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## ORDINATION

The Ordination Committee will be made up of each Pastor from each affiliated church. Rev. Cannon Ward is the chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Associational Missionary.

## DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

Baileys Camp: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ford and Roy Gryder.  
 Boone Fork: Eunice Luttrell, Nellie Coffey, Eva Gragg, alternates — Linda Mills and Rosetta Hollifield.  
 Doe Ridge: Mr. and Mrs. Junior Eldreth, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, and Arville Hardy.  
 Laurel Fork: Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Max West, Nancy Wood, Shelby Miller, Martha Ford, and Robert Holder.  
 Laytown: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Dula, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Triplett, Mrs. Zora Dillard, and Mrs. Glenda Dillard.  
 Long Ridge: Lloyd Hoilman, Ronald Woodie, Christine Woodie, and Louise Anthony.  
 Mount Ephriam: Rev. Harold Danner, Elmer Triplett, and alternate Olen Miller.  
 Mount Paron: None listed.

Mount Vernon: Rev. A. C. Moody, Edna Gragg, Grace Vannoy, Beulah Cook, Selma Hollar, Christine Critcher and Monica Critcher.

Rock Springs: Mr. and Mrs. Carol Woods, Miss Irene Dula, Deloris Dove, Miss Jill Triplett, Mrs. Charlotte Dawson, Mr. Tom Simmons, and Rev. and Mrs. Howard Carrigan.

Sandy Flat: Kay Foster, Myra Townsend, and Michael Moody.

Watauga: Mont Teague, Verilee Teague, Ray Franklin, Barbara Franklin, Johnny Townsend, and Ruth Townsend.

Yellow Hill: Coy Church, Leah Church, Heg Beshears, Cathy Bengé, Doyce Hamby, and Jeannie Beshears.

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, subject to amendment:

#### ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this body is the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

#### ARTICLE II—Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Association shall be to assist in the cooperation of Missionary Baptist Churches. The Association shall promote evangelism, fellowship, missions, and Christian Education in the area of the Association; and at the same time cooperating with other associations, the Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention in all work of Southern Baptist.

#### ARTICLE III—Membership

The Association shall consist of Messengers who are members of affiliated churches as follows:

(1) Each church of the Association shall be entitled to five (5) messengers and every church having one hundred members shall be entitled to six (6) messengers, and one additional messenger for every fifty (50) thereafter provided that number does not exceed ten (10).

(2) Pastors of affiliated churches.

(3) Duly elected officers of the Association.

(4) All ordained ministers who are members of the affiliated churches.



## ARTICLE IV—Affiliated Churches

Section 1. Baptist Churches shall be received into fellowship only after having been under the watchcare of the Association for one year. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Moderator, who shall entertain the proper motion and by majority vote receive such church under watchcare.

Section 2. Any church under the watchcare bring an authenticated letter (Regular Letter Form) to the next Annual Association.

Section 3. Baptist churches who are affiliated with and in fellowship with other Baptist Associations may become affiliated with this Association without coming under the watchcare by a majority vote.

Section 4. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interests but in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or policy.

Section 5. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two (2) consecutive years, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to confer with the church, and if a satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the Association, the Association by a majority of its messengers casting ballots may withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

## ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Evangelism, Associational Missionary and V. B. S. Superintendent.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected from the floor by a majority vote at each Annual Meeting. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall not serve in the same capacity for more than two successive years.

Section 3. Other stated Associational Officers, Committees, Representatives, and those giving reports shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI—Officers, Representatives and Reports

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall nominate the following Officers, Representatives, and those giving reports .

- (1) Officers: Associational Sunday School Superintendent  
Associational VBS Director  
Associational Training Union Director  
Associational Music Director  
Chairman of Evangelism  
Associational W. M. U. President to be elected by the Associational W. M. U. and the name given to the Executive Committee.

- (2) Representatives:  
North Carolina Baptist Hospital  
North Carolina Children's Homes  
North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging  
Denominational Colleges (Christian Education)

Denominational Literature (Religious Literature)  
 Annuity Board  
 Baptist Foundation  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

(3) Reports:

Home Missions  
 State Missions  
 Foreign Missions  
 Stewardship  
 Cooperative Program  
 Obituaries  
 Temperance and Morals  
 VBS Report  
 WMU Report  
 Sunday School Report  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

#### ARTICLE VII—Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Missionary.

Section 2. The Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. He shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon after the Annual Meeting as possible to select the other committees of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall select the following Committees:

(1) Finance Committee. This committee shall be composed of four (4) members including the Associational Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the Treasurer in guiding the churches to give systematically to Associational work, inform the churches when there is not enough money to meet our obligations, to encourage a special day offering for Associational Missions, and to see that the Associational Clerk is duly compensated.

(2) Time, Place and Preacher. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations as to where the Association shall meet and designate who is to preach the annual sermons.

(3) Program Committee. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members, two of whom shall be the Associational Clerk and Missionary.

(4) Resolutions Committee. This committee shall be composed of two (2) members. It shall be their duty to present to the Association such resolutions as Thanks, Gratitude and other such resolutions they shall deem in order.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between the annual meetings in conformity with the expressed decisions of the Association.

Section 5. Any other committee deemed necessary by the Association shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times between Annual Sessions. Those present shall constitute a quorum after all members have been notified. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to give such notice.

#### ARTICLE VIII—Parliamentary Law

Section 1. The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law" where not otherwise specified by this Constitution or its By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX—Doctrinal Statement

The New Testament is the sole authority for the faith and practice of this Association. We believe the Bible is God's Word.

It shall be understood that ministry or membership in this Association means embracing and supporting, along with other Christian tenets equally or comparably vital the following doctrinal emphasis: The Divine inspiration, supremacy, and authority of the Scriptures. The Scripture shall be the Supreme by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

The Deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutional death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and the premillennial coming of Christ; likewise the sovereignty of God, the total depravity of man, the absolute necessity of regeneration; Scriptural believers baptism by immersion, as prerequisite to church membership; the Lord's Supper administered by the local church; the local church as an autonomous body; separated from the world in Christian deportment; the doctrine of the Trinity as Scripturally maintained; the rapture of the church as the Christian's hope; the resurrection of the body of Christians concurrent with the rapture; the earthwide reign of Christ; the ultimate judgment of the impentitent; a heaven of eternal duration for the saved and the eternal punishment in hell for the unsaved.

## ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution may be amended at any Annual session by a vote of two thirds of messengers voting provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Executive Committee two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS

## Article I—Meetings

The Association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in August.

## Article II—Duties of Officers

1. Moderator and Vice Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall be members of the Executive Committee and ex officio members of all standing committees. They shall make appointments as provided for in the constitution.

2. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Association and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed minutes of the Association. He shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the Clerks of Churches affiliated with the Association.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipts, and distribution of all monies. He will keep a record of both and make an annual report to the Association.

4. The Sunday School Superintendent shall direct and promote the Sunday School Program.

5. The Training Union Director shall direct and promote the Training Union Program.

6. The Brotherhood President shall direct and promote the Brotherhood Program.

7. W. M. U. President shall direct and promote the W. M. U. Program.

8. The Vacation Bible School Superintendent shall direct and promote the V. B. S. work, encouraging each church to have a V. B. S.

9. The Music Director shall direct and promote the music ministry of the Association. He shall be present to direct the music at each annual meeting and other Associational functions. He shall have power to choose the Association Pianist. The name of the pianist shall be given to the Clerk as soon as possible after choosing.

10. The Chairman of Evangelism shall direct and promote the program of Evangelism in the Association.

11. The Associational Missionary shall work with the pastors and the department heads of the Association. He shall work to the end that all affiliated churches become involved in all Associational endeavor, but shall at no time go beyond the pastors and officers of the church to hold meetings of any nature in the churches.

12. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Brotherhood President, W. M. U. President, V. B. S. Superintendent, Chairman of Evangelism and Associational Missionary shall each give a report at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

#### Article III—Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator.

3. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject without the expressed consent of the Association.

4. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.

5. Any messenger failing to make an assigned report except for a valid reason shall not be assigned to the program for the next Annual Session.

6. All other Decorum not listed here shall be found as provided for the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1.

#### Article IV—Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two thirds vote of messengers voting provided the amendment has been read at least one hour prior to the vote.

## PROCEEDINGS

On August 15, 1978, the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Charles Craig. He welcomed all to Long Ridge Baptist Church which was the host church for the 117th annual session of the association for the first day.

Rev. Basil Tester led in prayer. The Congregation sang "Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus." Rev. Lloyd Hoilman had devotional, he welcomed all to Long Ridge Church. He was thankful for each worker in the association. Thankful that God has blessed us with health and strength to be able to be here today. He read scripture from the 15th chapter of John's Gospel verses 16 and 17. God chose us to do his work.

We need to realize we are his chosen people. God saved us for a purpose, we are to be missionaries and share the gospel with others.

12 of the 16 churches were represented the first day.

The program was adopted with alternations and changes that might be necessary.

The new pastors in the association were recognized: Laytown Baptist Church—Harold Bean, Boone Fork Baptist Church—Cannon Ward, and the new workers, VBS Director—Edith Gryder. The visitors present with us were—Rev. E. O. Bustle, Cecil Ray, and Robert Abrams.

The following reports were all moved for adoption and approved after being read. Some of the following reports were read by other messengers, as some of those appointed were unable to attend.

## EVANGELISM REPORT

Baptism is one of the most important things in Evangelism. The average church in our state baptized 1 person for every 25 members in 1955. 20 years later that number was 1 person for every 30 members. In 1977 our churches baptized only 1 person for every 50 members.

A proven method of Evangelism is "Revival." Revival reminds the Church to share Christ with a lost world. A church should commit themselves to attendance and prayer expecting God to do something unusual. The Church should be concerned for the lost of their community.

Prayer is more important than ever. We should pray for one another and the lost ones in the community if we want God to send us a Revival.

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Matthew 9:37-38 The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Hoilman

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

1st Corinthians: 3-9 For we are labourers together with God. The Cooperative Program is Baptist working with God to save a lost world, giving of our money and time to God. The Stony Fork Association gave \$5,845 through the Cooperative Program \$1,235 above last year. The giving all over the state was above last year. All Churches should give to the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Basil Tester

Giving through the SBC Cooperative Program totals \$47,715,260 through the first 10 months of the 1977-78 fiscal year—10.57 per cent ahead of last year's pace.

But total giving amounts to \$94,203,189, and increase of nearly \$9.6 million, or 11.34 per cent, over last year. (Copied from Biblical Recorder)



## HOME MISSIONS

The purpose of the Home Mission Board is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by developing and promoting a single uniform missions program to assist churches, associations, and state conventions in crossing barriers to make disciples for Christ of all people in the homeland. This has brought about many good results: Our missionary force has increased by 368, this makes a total of 2,492 missionaries, the missionaries were augmented by 1,282 student summer missionaries and 142 short-term adult Christian Service Corps Volunteers. New Mission work has opened up, Bold Mission Thrust—Bold Mission Thrust is a four year emphasis, 1976-1979 of the Home Mission Board. The year 1976 was a year of awareness and preparation. Financial Support—Cooperative program gifts increased 13.65% over the previous year. The Annie Armstrong Easter offering a gain of 13.46%. The financial increases are enabling the board to enlarge the number of missionaries. Long range plans are now being developed in the areas of Volunteers, Missionary education, communication mission support and creative patterns for new work. The Home Mission Board is now in the process of evaluating the agency's work of the 70's and developing bold new plans to extend to the end of this century with detailed plans for the 80's.

Before 1980 the Home Mission Board plans to evangelize and congregationalize the entire country. Evangelize means to let everyone have the opportunity to hear the gospel; Congregationalize means to give the opportunity to join a new testament fellowship of believers. Our church has a responsibility to help.

During this time our goal as Southern Baptist will be to let every person in America hear the gospel and have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers. These goals are the Home Missions side of the denominations emphasis on Bold Missions.

Bold Missions in the U. S. will concentrate on four major areas (1) Unevangelized Counties, (2) Key Cities, (3) Language cultural groups, (4) and transitional communities with churches in crisis. A personal involvement and commitment by every christian can accomplish the task of evangelizing and congregationalizing our land. Acts 1:8 Calls us to respond to the call for commitment to and involvement in missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Wood

## STATE MISSIONS

Southern Baptist's compassion for world missions must also include the real needs of our own counties and state. State and associational missions are indeed part of the world mission imperative. Without neglecting distant lands, we must continue to build a strong state missions program throughout North Carolina. There are 51 different state mission programs in North Carolina, State missions is a variety of people-centered ministries that both strengthen and lengthen the witness of local churches in North Carolina. State missions ministries helps churches by supplementing pastor's salaries, providing money at low interest rates to buy lots for new churches, sponsoring conferences, workshops, seminars and retreats, and aiding churches in training programs etc. All state mission ministries are in some way cooperative efforts of local churches and associations. Churches and associational development, in fact, is one of the primary goals of state missions in North Carolina. The purpose is to



build strong "mission stations" across the state as a foundation for the overall support of world missions, Christian education, and benevolences. State missions in North Carolina is supported by the Cooperative Program and the annual State Missions Offering in September.

The 1977 state mission offering goal was (\$1,385,000) in which we came short, however we did raise \$901,394.00 which represents a 250% increase over the previous year. This amount allowed enough money to pay debts as well as support ongoing ministries. (Saving in interest \$218,000), to be used for other ministries. The 1978 state missions offering goal is \$1,200,000, of this amount \$930,500 will go for debt retirement. I hope that we in the Stony Fork Association can raise our share of this goal \$1,200,000 this year our goal is \$3,000 so we can do Bold Mission Projects at home and around the world. I believe one place we need to make improvements is in our missions. I do believe one of the reasons that more churches do not cooperate with associational, state, home and foreign missions is the lack of knowledge of what it is all about. The strength of world and local missions depends upon the strength of the local church and its outreach vision.

Our mission offering goal for 1977 was \$2,500.00, we raised \$2,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Howard Carrigan

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Some 15 years ago missionary support required only about 35 percent of the Foreign Mission Board's operating budget. Today missionary support requires over 60 percent of the operating budget. For the first time the membership of Baptist Churches abroad with which Southern Baptist Missionaries have cooperative relationship, exceeded one million. The 8,533 Churches reported 1,071,922 members and 98,715 baptisms. On every continent in every land desperate people are seeking answers. They are hunting, empty and lost. They hope for some kind of deliverance, they cry out for help, and they look for hope. These people deserve at least an opportunity to hear God's word. They need to be told of his love. Let us look at some of the highlights of 1977 showing what Southern Baptists did to touch some of the needs beyond our American borders through the channel of Foreign Missions. We had 279 new Missionary Personnel added during the year setting a new high for the third straight year. These new additions brought the total missionary staff to 2,776. Of the force, 2,365 are career missionaries. Auxiliary programs account for 411 including 217 missionary associates, 183 are Missionary Journeymen, and 11 are special project workers.

The new personnel came from 33 states and 3 foreign countries. Leading the list were Texas with 56 and North Carolina with 27. The new workers were assigned to 56 of the 90 fields in 49 categories of the work. Of the new missionaries 34 were general evangelists, 37 were teachers and 13 youth workers. In the field of healing, six were Doctors, five nurses, two Physician's Assistants, and one Dentist. For the Christian the foremost obligation is to communicate the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ to all nations to the ends of the earth, to the close of this age. Your gifts, your messengers, and your prayers have made this possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Gragg

It was a great privilege to have Cecil A. Ray with us at Long Ridge Baptist Church. I'm sure each one enjoyed his talk about Bold Missions. Following are some of the things he talked about: What's happening in our denomination? We are discovering what we are in business to do. God is doing something — we are calling it Bold Missions. In Foreign Missions by the year 2000 we hope to have 5,000 new missionaries. In Home Missions we need to start Southern Baptist Churches in every county in the U.S. Over 600 counties do not have a Baptist Church. Bold Missions is enlisting more people in Bible study than ever before. Double the number of churches we now have by 1982. Also we need to double our gifts through our churches and double our gifts to the Cooperative Program. We need a strong association. The Bold Missions goal in our state is 150,000 more people in our Sunday Schools by 1982. Each church should grow at least 22%. We have never amounted to this much, and have never achieved these goals. We need to rediscover who we are and what we are doing, and where we are now. This is a new challenge — we need to make it a reality. We need to get excited about Bold Missions. We must be willing to try.

If Bold Missions is to happen there must be (1) A new sense of personal involvement (2) adopt new values, centered in Jesus Christ (3) learn to give (4) kindle a new love for the church. Invite people to be something. We need bold leaders. Our churches need to be revived. We are expecting people of God to reach out where they never have before. Double our giving by 1982. Win twice as many people to the Lord. Get excited about Bold Missions, pray that we would be what God would have us to be.

Blessed is the church member whose leader is a leader.

Blessed is the church member who belongs to a church that expects much of him. Following Mr. Ray's talk, he gave those present an opportunity to ask questions. We really enjoyed his visit with us and look forward to his coming back to be with us again.

The annual message was by Rev. Phillip Martin reading from Genesis the 26th chapter verses 12-19; and 4th chapter of St. John verses 5-8 and several other verses in the 4th chapter. The Lord will bless us if we let him. Baptist people need goals to work toward. We must give our people a challenge. When God's people go to work God goes to work. Theme: Digging out our wells. The blessings of God were upon Isaac. We have made covenants with God. Walk in his will and do things that please him and he will bless us. The Philistines stopped Isaac's wells up because they were jealous of him. Our wells need to be cleaned up today, sin needs to be gotten out of our lives. Clean our lives up and then we can see people come to know Jesus. We need to start afresh. Clean out and press on for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In St. John the woman at the well had something to tell people after she had talked with Jesus. She left her waterpot and went into the city and told the men, come see a man, that has told me all things that I ever did: is not this the Christ? The disciples had gone to buy meat and they got so tied up in the world's affairs they didn't even win one for Christ. We today are like the disciples, we get tied up in committees and in the world until we don't have time to visit the lost. The devil is always ready with opposition if we try anything for Christ. Let's clean out our wells and double our giving and our baptisms. Let's let people see something in us that they desire. Expect big things in the Lord. Make room for the Lord. Live where God wants you to be. Confess our sins, and pray. A great challenge is before us. If we depend on the Lord. We can do it. Lay the challenge before your church. God is able to do anything.

We had an altar of prayer with Rev. Howard Carrigan leading the prayer.

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1978

Baptist Hospital continues to find ways of enlarging and improving its care of patients.

During the past year, the Department of Family Medicine moved into new quarters. It is anticipated that with the larger area, the Family Practice Center will provide primary health care for more than 5,000 families by 1980. Also, the teaching program for resident physicians in Family Medicine will increase to 36 positions by 1980. Many of these physicians are expected to enter family practice in North Carolina.

Other improvements in patient care include the installation of a wholebody scanner and the opening of new and larger facilities for the Intensive Care and Intermediate Nurseries. The body scanner is particularly useful in locating and defining problems such as tumors in the chest, abdomen and pelvic areas; in determining the spread of disease from one organ to another and visualizing aneurysms in the abdomen. The new nurseries have already played a significant role in reducing the infant death rate and in improving the chances of premature babies growing up without lasting effects from earlier medical problems.

Creation of a new Department of Patient Relations and the employment of a full-time director has also helped to improve the quality of patient care. The primary function of this department is to respond to specific concerns patients have regarding their hospital care and to act in behalf of patients and their families in resolving problems and meeting needs.

A closed-circuit television system will soon be carrying services from the hospital chapel, other devotional programs and educational programs to patient rooms. This system will also be used in staff education programs. The equipment was purchased with funds from the estate of Miss Olivia Hall who worked for Baptist Hospital for nearly a half-century.

The Department of Pastoral Care continues to make a significant contribution to patient care as well as in clinical pastoral education, counseling and enrichment events. During recent months the department has begun another satellite center; this fourth satellite is in Charlotte and is operated in cooperation with the Mecklenburg Baptist Association. In April of this year, the Counseling Center received accreditation by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

In recent months, the Medical Center Challenge Program completed a successful fund campaign, over-subscribing its \$18-million goal. The final project in this program will be the replacement of the original hospital building, opened in 1923, with a new Focus Building which is scheduled for completion in 1980.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mamie Craig

Mr. Calvin Knight was present to talk about the Baptist Hospital we have Christian doctors and nurses, also our departments are outstanding. We have top quality men and women working in our hospital. As our hospital grows bigger we still try to maintain the same spirit that was there when it first opened. We are proud of our Christian heritage. We have Chaplains that help minister to family members. The Chaplains are there when you need them. Pray for the staff at Baptist Hospital.

Rev. Max West asked the blessing and then we were dismissed for lunch.

After the enjoyable lunch and the wonderful fellowship we had we assembled for the afternoon session. The congregation sang "Nothing But The Blood" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Rev. Cannon Ward had devotional reading from the 16th chapter of 1st Corinthians verses 1-14. Get personally involved at home about God's word, and then spread the word all around.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

When we think of Christian education, we think of learning and training our people to live and act like Christ. History tells us the education of the Hebrew people was largely religious, using the Scriptures as their text book. In Proverbs 1:7 Solomon said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." As we are educated in the Scriptures, we learn to fear and love God. Having God's love in our hearts compels us to love and care for our fellow-man.

We as parents, teachers and leaders must realize the need for our young people to learn the Bible. Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

The Bible should be read daily in our homes. There are many Christian books and good literature to help educate our people to be strong Christians. We as Baptist have seven colleges to train and educate our young people to be strong Christian men and women.

The responsibility is ours as Christians. Let us do all we can to help our people to learn the Bible and live by its teachings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Critcher

Mr. Abrams from Gardner-Webb College was with us and he spoke briefly concerning the College. He said he had enjoyed the morning session. Appreciated the lunch and fellowship. We need to teach people that the Bible is the word of God. Endeavor to be good stewards. At Gardner-Webb we now have a program for the deaf. Each of our Baptist Colleges is different from the other. Pray for our colleges and pledge our continuing support.

## RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We are informed through many sources, but N.C. Baptist have a fine paper where-by we can be well informed on what Christians need to be informed, The Biblical Recorder.

Does the RECORDER pay? A few weeks ago the leading 50 churches in the state in Cooperative Program giving were listed in the BIBLICAL RECORDER. Everyone of them had a RECORDER club, many of them with the RECORDER in the budget.

Then there was a list of the churches with the best per capita giving to the Cooperative Program. Again, 49 out of 50 of these churches have a good RECORDER club. In fact, the 50th church had a club up until recently and you can be sure the folks at the RECORDER will be working hard to see that the church has another club soon.

All of this is strong testimony as to what the RECORDER can do for a church. When people are informed, they give. When people are informed, they support their



association and state convention work. Everyone wins when the RECORDER goes into every home.

As of this date, the price of the RECORDER is remaining reasonable, especially when compared to the cost of a daily paper. A church can still send the RECORDER into every home for only 6¢ a week. This is amazing in view of the continued rise in the cost of postage and paper, both of which went up sharply this year. If your church has plans to put the RECORDER in the budget, it should do so this year and thus save considerable money.

With the dripping wet news media in North Carolina, our Baptist people must depend on the RECORDER for information about such matters as liquor by the drink. Even though it passed the legislature back in June, local option elections must be held before any city or county can vote in this third dimension in drinking.

Woodrow W. Hill, assistant editor and field representative for the past seven years, reached retirement age this past year but has agreed to continue to help the RECORDER in associations and churches. He is loved by people all over the state and we are glad that he will continue to be identified with the RECORDER when needed for special assignments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelby Miller

Mr. Woodrow W. Hill was with us and talked briefly concerning the Biblical Recorder. The Biblical Recorder informs us what is going on in our denomination. Quality of unity, element of faith and determination. The Biblical Recorder started 145 years ago. Baptist should be informed. Every church needs the Biblical Recorder in its budget. If you need help or information concerning the Biblical Recorder get in touch with your pastor or the Biblical Recorder.

## TRAINING UNION

TRAINING UNION — does it work? Is it effective in really training Christian people? How does it affect a church and its people? Let's take a moment to examine the record. Stony Fork Association has 16 churches of which 6 have training union, 10 do not. A little time spent studying the minutes of last years associational session will reveal that of the 59 baptisms reported, 32 were in the 6 churches with training union, 27 in the other 10 churches. Of the 1245 resident members 701 (56%) are in training union churches while 544 (44%) are in the other 10 churches. However 76% of all mission offerings came from these 6 churches that have training union.

I would not try to make you believe that training union is entirely responsible for this but I feel the connection is clear. Training union is a vital part of the growing, caring, outreaching mission minded church.

If you are a member of a church which does not have training union I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the annual M night service. It will be held October 1, 1978 with Sandy Flat Baptist Church. If you enjoy the service and the fellowship there, I further invite and challenge you to consider establishing training union in your church.

Last year "M" Night service was held at Rock Springs with 91 persons attending and five churches represented. What a wonderful blessing it would be if every church in our association were represented this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Gryder

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A team of seven people from our association were blessed with the opportunity to attend the State Vacation Bible School clinic at Ridgecrest in March of this year. There each of us attended the specific age-group conference we had been assigned to learn about VBS materials and how to present them. This was a new experience for most of us and I'm sure a joyful one for all. Those attending and the department to which they were assigned were: Rev. Howard Carrigan — Missions and Adults; Mrs. Linda Mills — Youth; Mrs. Mamie Craig — Older Children; Mrs. Doris Tester — Middle Children; Mrs. Shelby Miller — Younger Children; Mrs. Jo Ann Bolick — Preschool; and myself — Director.

Our associational clinic was held April 21, 1978 at Laurel Fork Church with those team members named above leading their respective class. Mrs. Barbara West also assisted with the preschool department, Miss Jill Triplett and Mrs. Clara Robbins directed the music for the Joint Service. We had 5 churches represented at this clinic, 3 pastors and 2 directors, with a total attendance of 25.

10 churches have reported having had Vacation Bible School this year with a total enrolment of 551. There were 2 rededications and 17 pupils attending who are not in any Sunday School. Those 2 should be cause to rejoice and the 17 should be a challenge to the churches where they attended VBS.

Let's all pray that our 1979 VBS will reach out to the unchurched and lead them to Christ. After all, isn't that our purpose?

Respectfully submitted,  
Edith Gryder

## ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

The past year will go down in the history of the Annuity Board as one of the most important years ever in the areas of establishing new policies and plans affecting retirement annuities. Improved changes were made in trustee operations, funding of annuities, and the encouraging outlook for church insurance programs. All of these accomplishments were geared to meet the needs of members for years to come.

Relief continues as one important program of the Annuity Board ministry. Co-operation with state welfare agencies is maintained to give people more assistance. It reduces the amount needed from the Cooperative Program to carry out the relief program.

Annuity Board is involved with the following agencies: 69 educational institutions, 6 seminaries, 24 children's homes, 7 homes for the aging, 36 hospitals, 18 other agencies, 33 state convention headquarters, a total of 193 agency accounts. The board also provides life, long-term disability, group accident and medical insurance programs for employees of churches, agencies, and students.

To continue to meet the needs of people we must develop and achieve our goals with renewed zeal and concern for our fellow man.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Miller

## THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION "DEAD YET SPEAKING"

If we want to continue to spread the word, while we are enjoying the blessings of the Lord, after we have finished this life, we can do just that; by leaving our values to the Baptist Foundation. Then the dividends will go to the part of the Lord's work we want it to go. To the Cooperative Program, which supports all our Baptist work, or to anyone, or more causes we wish. This will not run out in a life time. It will be as long as money has a value. After death you will be speaking for the Lord, and helping people to get the message. If more information is needed contact Dr. Edwin Coates, or Sara Ann Hobbs, of the Baptist Foundation, 301 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. O. Bustle

### REPORT TO BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 1978

A survey in several counties representative of the cross-section of our state has provided interesting information regarding the seriousness, or lack of seriousness, to which stewardship of estates is considered. Court records and wills were carefully studied in these counties to determine the disposition of possessions for a specific time. Facts revealed were:

1. 30% of the decedants died without a written will
2. Very little was provided for the church or any charitable cause through the wills that were probated (six-tenths of one percent was given to all charitable causes and only 65 one-thousandths of one percent was left to all Baptist causes.)
3. 45% of all assets were left either to husbands or wives, 37% of all assets were left to children by parents, and 27% was left to grandchildren or other persons.
4. Projected to a statewide basis for one year, two-thirds of one billion dollars is left in estates each year.
5. Based on resident Baptist population in the state, a tithe of the estates of Baptists that die each year would provide in excess of \$10,000,000 additional dollars annually to the support of Christian missions and ministries carried on by our churches and denomination.

Baptist who believe in Bold Mission endeavors will:

1. prepare a will or have their will updated;
2. provide for their church pledges and commitments to be fulfilled through their will;
3. seriously consider a tithe of their estates to a Christian cause.

An excellent example to follow is that set by two members of one church in the mountain area of North Carolina. They have willed their possessions to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation as Trustee. Ten percent of each estate will go back to their church and 90% in trust will be paid annually to the Cooperative Program through their church — an amount equal to the entire church contribution to the



Cooperative Program in 1977. (And this was a substantial amount.) These two persons through their wills will double the church gifts to missions.

During 1977-1978 fiscal year, the Foundation has received \$198,139 in additions to the trust funds being held. Twenty-seven new trusts were established.

The Baptist Foundation staff is available to assist any individual who wishes to have a will prepared or updated. Anyone using Foundation services and who designates through their will a bequest to any Baptist institution or Baptist mission cause can have their will prepared at no cost. Assistance in cost can also be provided for those who desire to have their wills prepared or reviewed by a local attorney.

Edwin S. Coates, Executive Secretary

Sara Ann Hobbs, Director of Estate  
Planning

John L. Stickley, Sr., Chairman of  
Board

Rev. Harold Bean, benediction. This ended the first day of our annual meeting.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the second day of the annual session of the Stony Fork Association together at Mount Ephriam Baptist Church, on August 16, 1978.

Prayer by Max West. The congregation sang, "Standing On The Promises." Rev. Harold Danner had devotional reading from the 58th chapter of Isaiah verses 7-8. Carry out the Lord's will. God's love for all people. Carry the gospel to a lost and dying world. Spread the gospel to everyone and then God will bless us.

## WMU REPORT

Ephesians 3:17-19 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." What do we see when we see the breadth, depth and height of God's love? The breadth is extending to all people, the length is through all time and the height is to the very presence of God and the depth is to the lowest condition of human need.

Our Annual WMU Meeting was at Mount Vernon this year. We had a delicious covered dish dinner. Our officers were approved and elected by those present. Our speaker was Brenda Forliners from Columbia, South Carolina who told us of her work in Christian Social Ministries. She was an effective speaker and challenged all of us with her message. She was recommended to us by the Home Mission Board.

The Stony Fork Association has 8 Baptist Women Organizations: Mount Vernon, Rock Springs, Sandy Flat, Laurel Fork, Boone Fork, Long Ridge, Bailey Camp and a new addition this year Mount Ephriam. 4 GA's: Boone Fork, Long Ridge, Mount Vernon, and Rock Springs. 3 Acteens: Long Ridge, Mount Vernon, and Rock Springs. 3 Mission Friends: Mount Vernon, Boone Fork, and Long Ridge.

All WMU groups met at least once a month and some twice a month. We gave regularly to the Broyhill Home for the support of a needy child. We had the week of prayer for Foreign and Home Missions, and met our goals for Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings. We continued to give to State Missions and Heck-Jones and 10% to the Cooperative Program. We had a prayer retreat and council

Meeting at Mount Vernon in October. We had our regular council meetings and at the July meeting at Boone Fork we enjoyed a talk and presentation by Robert Green, Missionary to Taiwan, who was home on furlough. He is supported by the Foreign Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Mills

## TEMPERANCE AND MORALS

In all of the teachings of the New Testament no matter is more clearly taught than the believers responsibility to live temperance and morals. We need to re-examine our principles in temperance and morals and see if they are measuring up to the teachings of the Bible. 1st Corinthians Chapter 6:19-20 "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" Titus 2:11-12 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;" We see sin on every hand. Our greatest weapon against temperance and immorality is a spiritual life lived by every Christian. Winning souls is the example that God set for us to follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beatrice Brown

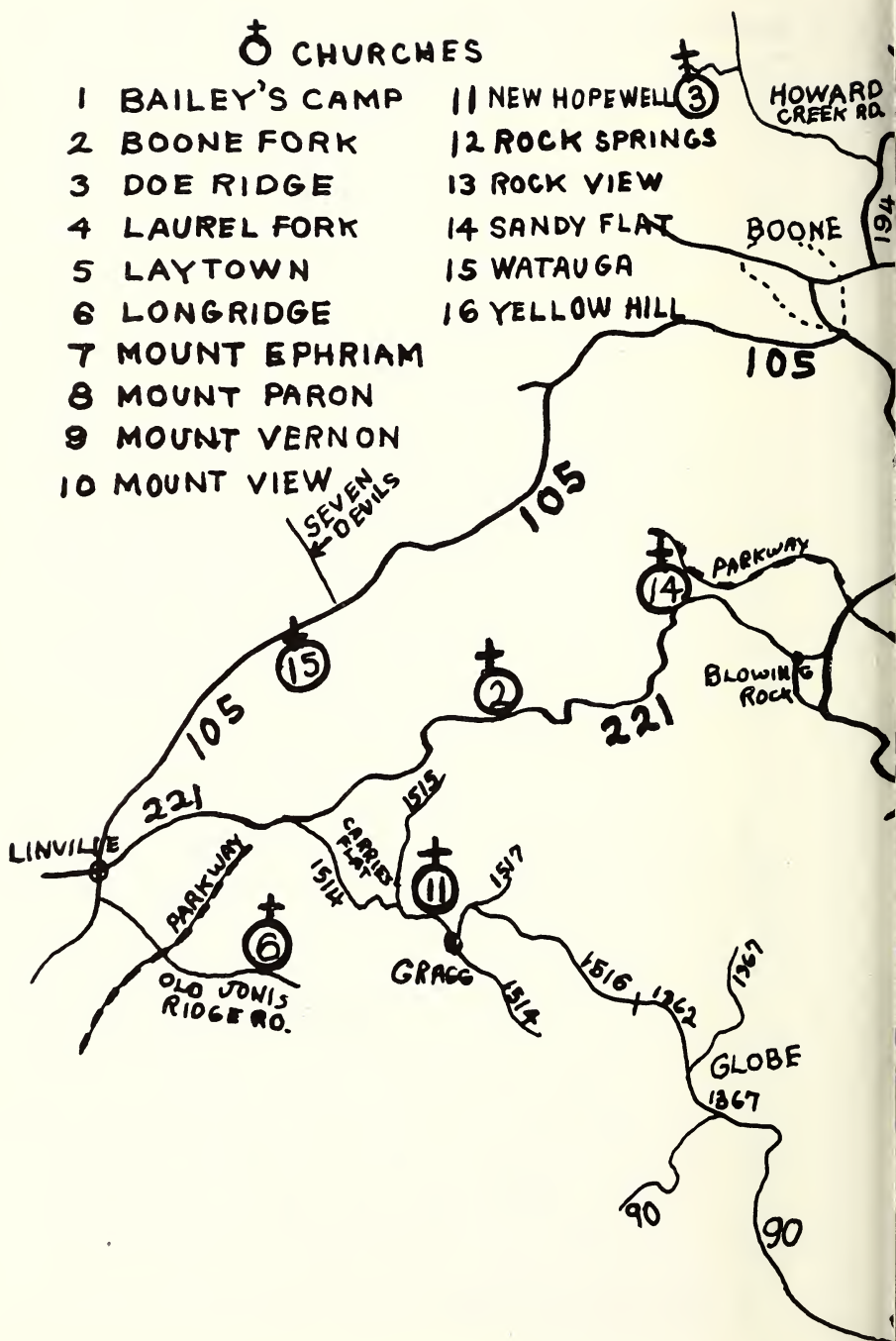
We were happy to have with us Mr. D. P. McFarland from the Christian Action League, he spoke following the report on Temperance and Morals. In the book of Acts we are told that when the gospel was preached some of the things the people had were destroyed. When Paul preached the gospel many changes took place. Alcohol has no place in the Christians life. It is an enemy to the Christian. Be not deceived by alcohol we pay back \$10.00 to get a dollar back in revenues.

Liquor by the drink is seeking to make alcohol respectful. The devil always works this way, all things always look good of the devil. September 8th is election day in Mecklenburg County, if LBD goes in there could be 420 places to open up in Mecklenburg. Alcohol is not a necessity of life. It must go if the gospel is preached in its power. The wine, beer, and liquor industry spent 430 million dollars on advertising. The Christian Action League has put messages on T. V. in newspapers, encouraging people who did not believe in it to get out and discourage people from voting for it. The Christian Action League is doing everything it can to defeat it in Mecklenburg County. If it can be defeated it will be three years before it comes up again. The Christian Action League needs our help and prayers. They need our support. We believe it is a spiritual campaign, spiritual Christians are going to have to get busy. We also need your financial help.

We took an offering of \$100.80 and sent to the Christian Action League from the Stony Fork Association.

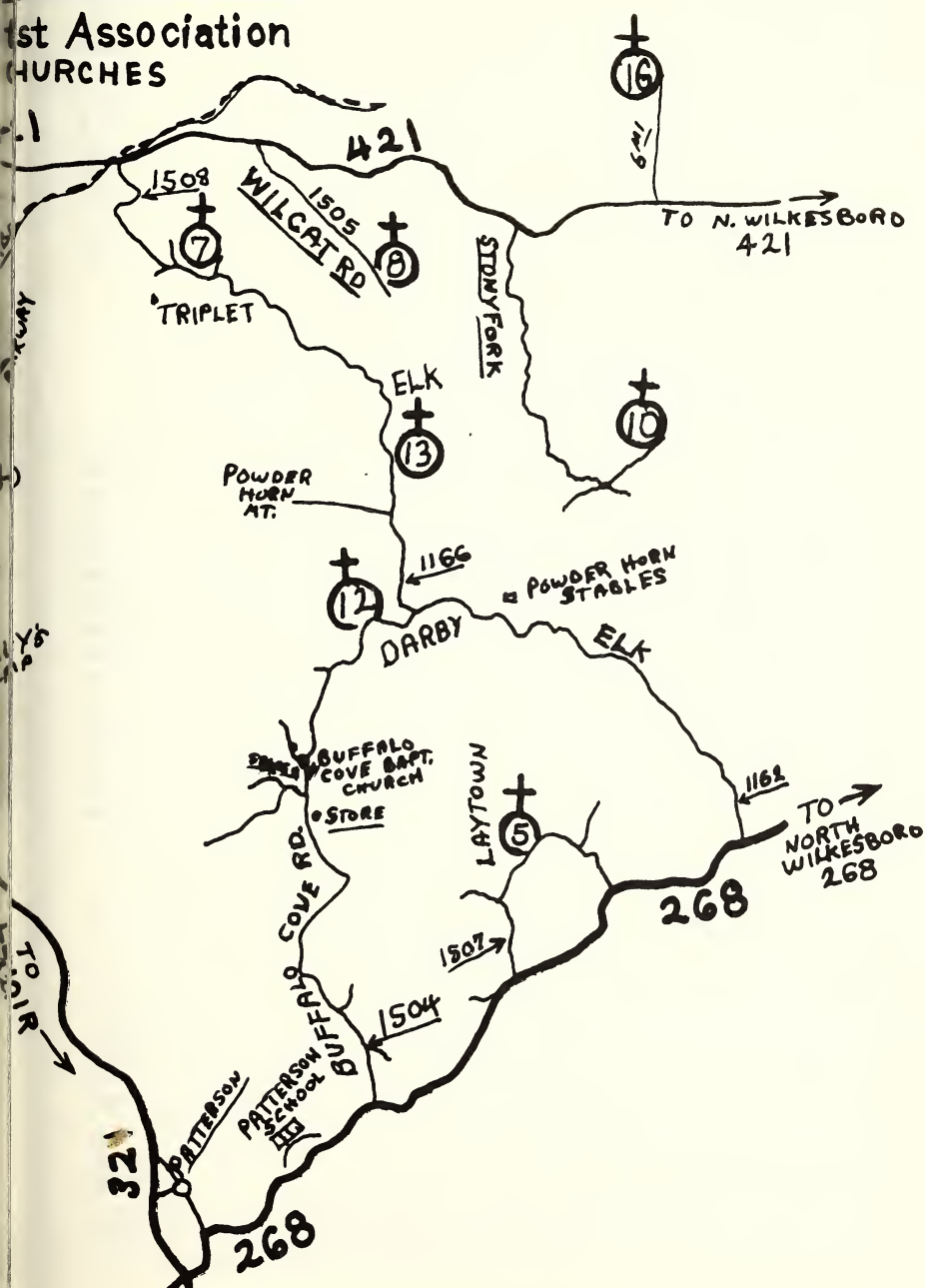
# ✠ CHURCHES

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| 1 BAILEY'S CAMP | 11 NEW HOPEWELL |
| 2 BOONE FORK    | 12 ROCK SPRINGS |
| 3 DOE RIDGE     | 13 ROCK VIEW    |
| 4 LAUREL FORK   | 14 SANDY FLAT   |
| 5 LAYTOWN       | 15 WATAUGA      |
| 6 LONGRIDGE     | 16 YELLOW HILL  |
| 7 MOUNT EPHRIAM |                 |
| 8 MOUNT PARON   |                 |
| 9 MOUNT VERNON  |                 |
| 10 MOUNT VIEW   |                 |



# Fork Missionary

## st Association CHURCHES



## FINANCE REPORT

In treasury in 1977	683.91
Paid for minutes	416.00
Clerk	100.00
VBS Kit and mileage for VBS Clinic at Ridgecrest	88.60
Postage for mailing purposes and printing of suggested program	10.78
Laurel Fork sent	75.00
Boone Fork sent for Clerk	10.00
Total Expenditures	625.16
Total in treasury in 1978	543.75
Taken up at Mount Ephriam for the Christian Action League	100.80

## TOTAL PAID IN FOR MINUTES IN 1978

Bailey Camp	25.00
Boone Fork	12.00
Doe Ridge	20.00
Laurel Fork	50.00
Laytown	15.00
Long Ridge	15.00
Mount Ephriam	10.00
Mount Paron	20.00
Mount Vernon	100.00
New Hopewell	00
Rock Springs	
Sandy Flat	25.00
Watauga	00
Yellow Hill	15.00
TOTAL	307.00

## HOME FOR THE AGING

Our Baptist homes for the aging were founded 27 years ago by Jimmy Hayes. During his administration three homes for the aging and one nursing care unit were established. Rev. William A. Poole is our present executive director of the homes for the aging. There are two homes in Winston-Salem, Hayes and Resthaven and a new home under construction in Asheville as of May 30, 1978 this home was 40% complete. Other locations include Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. The homes for the aging have had several expansion programs during the last several years. In 1977 four cottages were built on the Hayes Home campus in Winston-Salem, along with the new Western North Carolina Home in Asheville. The Homes hope to serve 500 people by the end of 1980. The 1977 Baptist State Convention in Charlotte voted to combine all State Offerings into one. "North Carolina Mission Offering."

The Homes for the aging offering will be included in this offering. In 1976, Homes for the Aging received \$226,238.03 and the 1979 goal is set at \$300,000.00 an increase of 15%.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gaither Greene

We had Mr. Harrell with us from the Children's Home. He spoke briefly—The average child stays for about 2 years, we try to return the children to their own homes. We have foster homes, a family resource center, a maternity home, and a emergency care center. We need your prayers and money. He also brought greetings from Dr. Wagoner and from the children.

The clerk called the roll with 10 of the churches represented.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES  
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED  
REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS  
PIEDMONT AREA  
1978

The programs, services and facilities of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina are being utilized well for the care of children and in providing assistance to families that need our help. North Carolina Baptists and other friends continue to support this ministry through personal involvement, prayer and financial support. It is the purpose of the Homes to provide quality care and to be worthy of the faith and confidence of our many friends and supporters.

Requests are coming to the Homes from various sections of the state for additional community-based services (such as, emergency care and group homes.) This is a wholesome trend in child care. Children can best be served and families strengthened when care can be provided reasonably close to a child's home. Our homes have been moving in that direction for several years. We will respond to additional requests for programs and services as financial resources permit.

North Carolina Baptists have reason to be pleased with work that is currently in progress throughout North Carolina. In the piedmont area, Mills Home, foster home services, emergency care at Burlington and Charlotte, the high adventure program at Wall Home, the Child Development Center on the Mills Home campus, programs of crisis intervention, counseling, and family education fill a particular need in this area of the State.

We are in constant need of well qualified staff. This is particularly true of cottage parents and foster home parents. Join us in prayer that God will impress upon sufficient numbers of prospective workers that child care is a Christian vocation and that it affords wonderful opportunities for service.

We are deeply grateful for support of the Children's Homes which comes from our churches through the Cooperative Program, special gifts and the traditional Thanksgiving offering.

The forthcoming Thanksgiving offering is extremely important. This will be the last time that our people will have the challenge of making an over and above offering to the Children's Homes at Thanksgiving time. As a part of the Bold Missions thrust,



the Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Homes in 1979 will become a part of the North Carolina Baptist State Missions offering to be received each September thereafter.

To bridge the transitional gap next year, our trustees have set a goal of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) through the 1978 Thanksgiving offering. We are dependent upon our friends for financial support sufficient to carry on this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Brown

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

What's ahead for our people in 1978-79? What can we, as an Association do to make this coming year one of the best ever? We need to pray about our Sunday Schools and our place in it. Praying about the needs and plans is the beginning of hope, assurance, and joy. We need to plan for exciting adventuresome times for our Sunday Schools. Growth, improved teaching and caring outreach do not happen spontaneously; they must be desired, planned for, and worked at before they can be realized. We need to work. There is no substitute for dedicated work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Woods

Mr. Woods spoke following his report. Jesus Christ must live in our hearts. When Jesus lives and rules in our lives we can become an effective witness. Jesus was an effective witness. We have sit down on Jesus Christ. This is a shame. Get down to business with God. We try to serve God on Sunday for 1 or 2 hours and then let it go the rest of the week.

Ralph Cannon was with us from the Homes for the Aging he spoke briefly of the homes. Our Association has not helped in building the new home in Western Asheville. We hope to open it up in February of next year. He expressed his desire that we of the Stony Fork Association have a part in this building. Helping old people is as much Christ like as anything else that we do. Thank God for North Carolina Baptist. 88% of the old people do not pay in these homes that they stay in. We need to pray and to give. Go back to your Church and encourage them to give because we want you to have a part in helping to build this home in western Asheville.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

In John 3:7 Jesus tells us that we must be born again, then in 2nd Corinthians 5:10 the Lords word tells us that we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ that every one may receive the things done in his body according to that that he hath done whether it be good or bad. Usually from the time we are born again unto the time of death the Lord gives us a period of time to be a witness and steward for him of his love for mankind. When the day comes that we stand before the judgement seat of Christ then and only then will we really realize what kind of stewards we have been for our God. We all don't have the same material wealth or the same christian calling but everyone of God's people can be a faithful steward with what God has blessed each of us with. 1st Corinthians 4:2 says "Moreover it

is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." God help each of us not to wait until the judgement seat of Christ to realize our need of being a faithful steward. It will then be too late to be a faithful steward.

Respectfully submitted,  
Max West

Rev. A. C. Moody brought the message reading from the book of Revelations Chapter 3 verses 1-6. Excerpts from message: The evaluation of the church at Sardis. It was a local church. The redeemer comes to examine the church. Jesus presents the facts as they are. The Bible prints the good and the bad. Thou only hast a name that thou livest in reality you are dead. Jesus call the church at Sardis a dead church, they don't live they just exist. Our churches today meet out of habit, but we are to meet to worship our Lord.

Our Baptist churches what is wrong with them? God seems to be a long way off. God did not move. God does not move. We have conformed for conveniences to the ways of the world trying to support our church. Jesus rebuked the church but here he also gives the remedy: Arise from your slumber. Love those that are lost. We talk about love and missions, and yet we want give one dime to help alleviate pain of those that need it. We believe in missions—our tongue we use it but 90% of the time it is not for the Lord's glory. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. The redeemer said to repent. You have a few names in Sardis those that have not defiled their garments. Those that have not fell into sin. If its against God, it's sin. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment. We need to overcome some things such as pride, selfishness, and feelings. The redeemer talks about a reward for those that overcome. Be a overcomer and I will confess you before my father and his angels. God puts the message where it belongs. We are looking for greater things. From all of the reports we have heard for the past two days. We know as God's people we need to repent of so many things. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches."

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since our last Associational Meeting the Executive Committee has met five times. September 4, 1977 we met at Mount Vernon Baptist Church and at this meeting we elected the following committees for the coming year. Finance Committee, Program Committee, Resolutions, Ordination Committee, and Time, Place, and Preacher. Set up the Calander of Activities for the Association for the coming year. September 9, 1977 met at Mount Vernon for the purpose of discussion on the business of getting an Associational Missionary. The clerk sent letters to all the pastors in the Stony Fork Association inviting them to the meeting and those not having pastors the chairman of deacons were invited. We had 6 churches represented at this meeting. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion. Nominated, Max West, Howard Carrigan, (Chairman), A. C. Moody, and Phillip Martin to serve on the Missions Committee. The Mission Committee will meet the 1st Friday night of each month up until January and then will meet quarterly from then on. The Mission Committee would serve in place of an Associational Missionary until the annual session. Decided to invite Dr. Cecil Ray to our annual associational meeting. Met on March 5, 1978 and discussed a letter from Stewardship Commission concerning a meeting of pastors. We had this and it was combined with Three Forks Association, the meeting was at the Daniel Boone Inn. Mr. O. D. Martin came he is director of the

division of Stewardship. This meeting was April 20. April 14 met at Mount Vernon and discussed the Key Associational Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest this was for leaders of Sunday School Supt. Director of Missions, Training Union Director, Clerks, Moderator, etc. Rev. Howard Carrigan went from our Association.

July 14 met again at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. New business we received a letter from the Christian Action League concerning sending someone to our associational meeting. We decided to ask Rev. Coy Privette to come the second day of our meeting at Mount Ephriam. Discussion on Music Program, and also key leadership conference for deacons and pastors and wives were also included, this would be in late September. Will discuss it later on.

## RESOLUTIONS

We would like to thank the people of Long Ridge and Mount Ephriam churches for the Christian fellowship shown to the visitors and delegates of the Stony Fork Association. We also take the opportunity to thank each one for taking part in our meeting. Our appreciation goes out to the ladies who prepared the wonderful food each day. The Christian fellowship shown at each church has made this 117th annual session a blessing to all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

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## IN MEMORIAM

Since our last association fifteen of our beloved members have passed away. Mr. Rubin Price from Bailey Camp; Mrs. Rose Hollifield, Mr. Esther Coffey and Mrs. Ella Davis from Boone Fork; Mrs. Victoria Greene and Roy Greene from Laurel Fork; Mr. Odus Cook, Mrs. Lula Simmons, and Mrs. Fronica Greer from Mount Ephriam; Mrs. Roxie Watson from Mount Paron; Mr. Carson Storie from Mount Vernon; Mrs. Minnie McGee from Rock Springs; Mrs. Cordie Coffey and Mrs. Ruth W. Height from Sandy Flat; Mr. Otha Andrews from Watauga.

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## TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

The first day will be at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, with Harold Bean with the message and Lloyd Hoilman as alternate.

The second day will be at Boone Fork Baptist Church, with Rev. Howard Carrigan with the message and Harold Danner as alternate.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator — Howard Carrigan  
Vice Moderator — Max West  
Clerk — Barbara West

All of the above officers were elected by acclamation, no others were nominated.  
Motion to adjourn:

Cannon Ward led in prayer: Following this we all assembled outside for a wonderful lunch and a good time for fellowship one with another.

## HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson
1927	Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928	Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929	Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930	Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931	Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932	New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire

1933	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934	Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935	Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936	Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937	Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938	Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939	Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940	Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941	Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942	New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943	Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944	Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945	Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946	Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947	Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948	No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949	Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950	Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951	New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952	Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953	East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954	Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955	Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956	Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957	Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958	Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959	New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960	Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961	Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962	Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963	Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964	Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
	Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1965	Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
	Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966	Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
	Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1967	Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
	New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1968	Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
	Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1969	Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
	Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1970	Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
	Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1971	Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
	Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherill Welborn
1972	Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
	Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1973	Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
	New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherill Welborn
1974	Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
	Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1975	Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
	Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1976	Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
	Doe Ridge			Loyd Hoilman
1977	Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
	Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West
1978	Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
	Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.



## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES STONY FORK ASSOCIATION

M Night	Sandy Flat	October 1, 1978— 7:30 pm
WMU Council Meeting	Rock Springs	October 29, 1978—2:30
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	October 15, 1978—2:30
WMU Council Meeting	Sandy Flat	December 31, 1978—2:30
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	January 14, 1979—2:30
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	April 8, 1979—2:30
WMU Council Meeting	Boone Fork	April 29, 1979—2:30
WMU Annual Meeting	Laurel Fork	May 3, 1979—7:30
The meeting will begin at 6:00 with a covered dish supper and a short business meeting following. At 7:30 we will have a speaker.		
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	July 8, 1979—2:30
WMU Council Meeting	Long Ridge	July 29, 1979—2:30
Annual Associational Meeting	Mount Vernon	August 14, 1979—9:00 am
Annual Associational Meeting	Boone Fork	August 15, 1979—9:00 am
WMU Council Meeting	Mount Ephriam	September 30, 1979—2:30
WMU Council Meeting	Mount Vernon	December 30, 1979—2:30

## REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS

1977 was the year in which more people were reached with God's Word than ever before in Bible Society history.

Since its founding in 1816, the only goal of the American Bible Society has been to translate, produce, and distribute the Scriptures to people everywhere in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford. In this effort to "Let the Word Speak" to all people, the ABS, and its partners in the United Bible Societies, distributed for the first time in a single year over 400,000,000 Scriptures in 150 countries!

In 1946 the American Bible Society published its first Scripture Selection, the **SERMON ON THE MOUNT**. Scripture Selections have since become the "seeds" of the Society. Because of their relatively low cost they could be shared more widely than New Testaments of Bibles. Once planted in the heart of the reader, the seed could then grow through Portions, the New Testament, and eventually, the complete Bible.

## DISTRIBUTION IN LATIN AMERICA

Although the distribution of complete Bibles grew by more than 10 percent throughout the Americas in 1977, significantly greater increases were achieved in New Testament distribution. The Christians of Bolivia, together with the Bible Society, helped to share 108,083 New Testaments with the people of that country in comparison with 40,845 the previous year. Mexico reached a distribution of more



than 220,000 New Testaments as compared with 90,000 in 1976. The distribution of New Testaments throughout all of Latin America increased 56.8 percent. For the first time in many years the Cuban government granted the churches of Cuba permission to import 2,500 Bibles and 2,500 New Testaments. These were immediately supplied as a gift from the United Bible Societies.

## DISTRIBUTION IN AFRICA

In Ethiopia the distribution of complete Bibles jumped from 28,369 in 1976 to 71,397 in 1977. In Sierra Leone, Bible distribution was up 180 percent. And in Uganda a 156 percent increase was achieved in the circulation of complete Bibles.

The increase in distribution of New Testaments was also up in many of the countries in Africa. Ethiopia again led the list with 104 percent increase. Malawi almost doubled its distribution from 10,384 New Testaments to 20,008. Liberia increased from a distribution of 2,610 Bibles in 1976 to 15,330 in 1977. Total distribution throughout all of Africa increased approximately 37 percent.

## DISTRIBUTION IN ASIA

In the Muslim countries of Iran, Iraq, and Jordan, where Christian witness is so difficult, more than 19,000 Bibles were distributed in 1977 as compared to less than 3,000 the previous year. Parts of southeast Asia experienced similar success, with the distribution of complete Bibles in Micronesia up 403 percent; in Singapore up 138 percent and in Papua New Guinea nearly double. In India, where the Bible Society had launched massive Scripture distribution campaigns in 1977, 30 percent more Bibles were distributed than in the previous year, and total Scripture distribution rose almost 50 percent. Distribution throughout all of Asia increased from 120,333,729 Scriptures in 1976 to 170,876,269 in 1977.

## DISTRIBUTION IN EUROPE

Although overall Scripture distribution throughout Europe was down slightly in 1977, Yugoslavia achieved an increase in the distribution of complete Bibles from 6,251 in 1976 to 23,136 in 1977, and the number of New Testaments distributed rose from 1,067 to 10,599. Another significant increase occurred in Italy where the introduction of the interconfessional common language Italian New Testament resulted in a distribution increase from 10,911 copies in 1976 to 140,090 in 1977. Spain showed an overall increase of 86 percent in total Scripture distribution throughout 1977.

## DISTRIBUTION IN THE USA

Distribution of complete Bibles in the United States followed the pattern set by the rest of the world, increasing in one year from 1,142,842 in 1976 to 2,601,198 in 1977. Much of this success was due to the appearance in December 1976 of the Good News Bible, which in less than one year reached a world-wide circulation of five million copies. Total Scripture distribution (114,283,716) throughout the United States was down slightly from 1976.

## GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS

Distribution opportunities for complete Bibles and New Testaments are limited in many areas of the world because the level of literacy is so low. The Bible Society's answer to this problem is the GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS program, where

those just beginning to read can discover God's Word through a graded series of Scripture Selections in a language and format they can easily read and understand.

By the end of 1977 New Reader translations of the Scriptures had been undertaken in 328 languages, an increase of 42 languages over 1976. Sixteen of these languages now have New Reader Scriptures available in four of the graded series (A, B, C, and D), an increase of 11 languages during 1977. Series A was published in 46 additional languages, Series B in 29, and Series C in 26.

During the year three new countries — Greece, Liberia, and Senegal — were added to the list of nations in which New Reader programs have been started.

By the time the new reader has completed a full series in his language, it is anticipated that he will be at a reading level which will make reading a common language New Testament possible.

## TRANSLATIONS

An average of nearly once every two weeks during 1977, somewhere in the world a group of people who had never before had the Word of God in their own language, received a Portion of Scripture for the first time. By the end of the year, at least one book of the Bible had been published in a total of 1,631 languages, an increase of 28 during the year.

Some of the languages in which complete New Testaments appeared for the first time include Bawm, Kok Borok, Lumasaaba, Ma'di, Muyuw, Penan, Quechua: Imbabura, Yagaria, and Yipunu. For the people of Ecuador who speak Quechua: Imbabura, this is the first publication of any part of Scripture in their own language.

## ABS VOLUNTEERS

Much of the success achieved for the Bible cause in 1977 was due to the untiring efforts of more than 30,000 ABS volunteers who carried out local distribution programs in hospitals, schools, jails, missions, and places of business; presented the need of the Bible cause to churches; gave radio interviews; and recruited members for the Bible-a-Month Club. These volunteers were operating almost 2,000 Scripture Courtesy Centers across the country by the end of 1977, an increase of nearly 500 over 1976. Also included in this army of volunteers were more than 12,000 Church Representatives who act as special links between the congregations and the ABS. Nearly 15 percent of these people represent the ABS in Southern Baptist churches across the United States.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Total income of the ABS from all sources in 1977 was \$29,871,640. Income from the churches totaled \$1,545,634. The churches of the Southern Baptist Convention contributed \$251,908 or approximately \$.022 per member. This was a decrease of \$23,723 from 1976. Since 1966 contributions from the churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention have been as follows:

1966 — \$233,897	1970 — \$233,186	1974 — \$254,803
1967 — 218,509	1971 — 240,250	1975 — 238,554
1968 — 222,938	1972 — 233,752	1976 — 275,631
1969 — 232,765	1973 — 253,857	1977 — 251,908

In April 1977 a National Advisory Council was held in New York. Carolyn Weatherford and Porter Routh represented the SBC. One of the resolutions adopted

by the Advisory Council supported the United Bible Societies goal of at least doubling income from local contributions by 1980. If the 12,733,124 members of the SBC were to raise their level of annual support to \$.04 per member, total giving to the Bible cause would reach \$509,000 and help reach the UBS goal. This would help make certain that the Bible society will be able to provide the Scriptures needed by the Southern Baptist Convention in its global ministry.

The Bible Society asks for your continued prayers so that together with the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and all willing Christians everywhere, our combined efforts to bring His Word to all those who are in desperate need of it will be blessed by God.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur C. Borden  
Secretary, Church Relations

N.B. For a full report, please see the Annual Report of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1978.

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## TABLE D - CHURCH MUSIC

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			YEAR ENDING July _____, 1978		
Associated Church Stony Fork			(Month & Day)		
State	North Carolina				
Associated Music Director					
Mont Teague					
Address	City	Boone	State	N. C.	
	Rt. 3		Zip	28607	
	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				
CHURCHES					
Baileys Camp	Ransom Harmon, Rt. 8, Lenoir 28645				
Doe Ridge	Kenneth Brown, Rt. 5, Box 745, Boone 28607				
Laurel Fork	Nancy Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605				
Long Ridge	Roy Woodie, Rt. 2, Newland 28657				
Mount Ephriam	Opal Cox, Triplett, 28686				
Mount Vernon	John Payne, Rt. 1, Boone 28607				
Rock Springs	Clara Robbins, Rt. 2, Ferguson 28624				
Sandy Flat	Kathy Townsend, Rt. 3, Boone 28607				
Watauga	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone 28607				
Yellow Hill	Ellis Beshears, Rt. 1, Box 238, Purlear 28665				
Mount Paron					
Totals					



# TABLE G - TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

Association		TABLE G - TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP		YEAR ENDING JULY 1978																			
Stony Fork				Month & Day																			
State																							
Associational Treasurer																							
Address																							
Route 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock,		City		State		N. C.		28605															
TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																							
CHURCHES																							
Baileys Camp		John Craig, Rt. 8, Lenoir, 28645		10	0																		
Boone Fork		Rosetta Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 326, Blowing Rock		10	10	0																	
Doe Ridge		Clay Beach, Rt. 5, Box 508, Boone, 28607																					
Laurel Fork		Gaither Greene, Rt. 4, Boone, 28607		7	11	2.5																	
Laytown		Glenda Dillard, Rt. 5, Box 324, Lenoir, 28645		6	2																		
Long Ridge		Faye Clark, P.O. Box 91, Pineola, 28622		5	10	0																	
Mount Ephriam		Lezett Greer, Triplett, 28686																					
Mount Paron		R.J. Watson, Rt. 1, Box 71, Deep Gap, 28618		76																			
Mount Vernon		Roger Cook, Rt. 4, Boone, 28607		85																			
Rock Springs		Sandy Woods, Rt. 2, Ferguson, 28624		26	11	1%																	
Sandy Flat		Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, 28607																					
Watauga		Ruth Townsend, Rt. 1, Box 146, Banner Elk, 28604		10																			
Yellow Hill		Helen Beshears, Rt. 1, Box 238, Purlcar, 28665																					
		TOTALS		225	54	4%																	

## TABLE H - MISSION EXPENDITURES

TABLE N. MISSION EXPENDITURES		YEAR ENDING <u>July</u>		1978		CHURCH SPONSORED MISSIONS													OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES										Grand Total																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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TABLE I - SPECIAL INFORMATION

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Association										(Month & Day)									
Stony Fork																			
North Carolina																			
Moderator																			
Rev. Howard Carrigan																			
Address																			
Route 2, Box 40,																			
CHURCHES																			
CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																			
City																			
State																			
Zip																			
28624																			
N.C.																			
Ferguson																			
Bob Tolbert, Rt. 8, Lenoir, 28645																			
Baileys Camp																			
Boone Fork																			
Doe Ridge																			
Kenneth Brown, Rt. 5, Box 745, Boone 28607																			
Laurel Fork																			
Cecil Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, 28605																			
Laytown																			
Fritz Dula, Rt. 5, Box 326, Lenoir, 28645																			
Long Ridge																			
Roy Woodie, Rt. 2, Newland, 28667																			
Mount Ephriam																			
Virgil Greer, Triplett, 28686																			
Mount Paron																			
Paul Greene, Rt. 1, Deep Gap, 28618																			
Mount Vernon																			
Billy J. Cook, Rt. 4, Boone, 28607																			
Rock Springs																			
Gary Hawkins, Rt. 3, Box 548, Lenoir, 28645																			
Sandy Flat																			
Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone, 28607																			
Watauga																			
Heg Beshears, Rt. 1, Purllear, 28665																			
Yellow Hill																			
TOTALS																			

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# MINUTES

of the

STONY FORK MISSIONARY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

1979

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

August 14, 1979

and with

Boone Fork Baptist Church

August 15, 1979

Next session will be held with Mount Paron Baptist Church, Route 1, Deep Gap, N. C., 28618, August 12, 1980. Annual message by Rev. James Lambert, and alternate Rev. Cannon Ward.

Second day will be held at New Hopewell Baptist Church, Star Route, Lenoir, N. C. 28645, August 13, 1980. Annual message by Rev. Burrell Jones, and alternate Rev. Lloyd Hoilman.

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## SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1980 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### Tuesday Morning Session, August 12, 1980 Mount Paron Baptist Church

9:00	Call to Order	Max West
9:15	Song	Congregation
9:20	Devotional	Roscoe Greene
9:30	Adoption of Program	
9:35	Roll Call	Clerk
9:40	Recognition of New Pastors & Workers	Moderator
9:45	Evangelism	Basil Tester
10:00	Director of Evangelism	William C. Lamb
10:15	Cooperative Program	Lloyd Hoilman
10:30	Home Missions	Jill Triplett
10:40	State Missions	Harold Bean
10:50	Foreign Missions	Christine Critcher
11:00	Hospital Report	Mamie Craig
11:15	Annual Message	Rev. James Lambert
	Alternate	Cannon Ward
12:10	Lunch	

### Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:10	Song	Congregation
1:15	Devotional	
1:25	Christian Education	Betty Greene
1:35	Religious Literature	Shelby Miller
1:45	Training Union	Roy Gryder
1:55	Stewardship	Cecil Wood
2:05	Annuity	Cannon Ward
2:15	Baptist Foundation	Roy Woodie
2:25	Discussion	
2:35	Adjourn	

Wednesday Morning Session August 13, 1980  
New Hopewell Baptist Church

9:00 Call to Order . . . . .	Max West
9:05 Song . . . . .	Congregation
9:10 Devotional . . . . .	Edward Gragg
9:20 WMU . . . . .	Linda Mills
9:30 Temperance and Morals . . . . .	Phillip Martin
9:40 Christian Action League . . . . .	Speaker
10:00 Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Edith Gryder
10:10 Finance Report . . . . .	Barbara West
10:20 Home for Aging . . . . .	Opal Cox
10:35 Children's Home . . . . .	Charles Craig
10:50 Sunday School . . . . .	Carroll Woods
11:00 American Bible Society Report . . . . .	Eugene Byrd
11:10 Annual Message . . . . .	Burrell Jones and Alternate. . . . . Lloyd Hoilman
11:50 Executive Report . . . . .	Max West
12:00 Resolutions . . . . .	Brenda Danner
12:10 Obituaries . . . . .	Bonnie Walsh
12:15 Time, Place and Preacher . . . . .	Phillip Martin
12:20 Election of Officers	
12:30 Benediction	
12:40 Lunch	

## DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator . . . . .	Max West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Vice-Moderator . . . . .	Harold Danner, Rt. 1, Box 298, Zionville, N. C. 28698
Clerk . . . . .	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Associational BTU Director	Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 78, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Assistant . . . . .	Gaither Greene, Rt. 4, Boone, N. C. 28607
Associational WMU Director . . . . .	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 326 Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Associational VBS Director . . . . .	Edith Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 78 Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Associational S. S. Superintendent . . . . .	Carroll Woods, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C. 28624
Assistant . . . . .	Gary Hawkins, Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C. 28645
Associational Evangelism Chm. . . . .	Basil Tester, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Associational Music Director . . . . .	Mont Teague, Rt. 3, Boone, N. C. 28607
Associational Pianist . . . . .	Jill Triplett, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N. C. 28624
Associational Stewardship Chm. . . . .	Cecil Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cannon Ward . . . . .	Sugar Grove, N. C. 28679
Basil Tester . . . . .	Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Dale Luttrell . . . . .	Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605
Barbara West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Max West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Gary Hawkins . . . . .	Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Barbara West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Max West . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 283, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Harold Bean, Chm. . . . .	P. O. Box 261, Hudson, N. C.	28638
Cannon Ward . . . . .	Sugar Grove, N. C.	28679
Phillip Martin . . . . .	Rt. 8, Box 381, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Harold Danner . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 298, Zionville, N. C.	28698

## TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

Phillip Martin, Chm. . . . .	Rt. 8, Box 381, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Mark Mills . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 326, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Fritz Dula . . . . .	Rt. 5, Lenoir, N. C.	28645

## RESOLUTIONS

Brenda Danner . . . . .	Rt. 1, Box 298, Zionville, N. C.	28698
Pauline Eldreth . . . . .	434 Grand Blvd., Boone, N. C.	28607

## ORDINATION

The Ordination Committee will be made up of each Pastor from each affiliated church. Rev Cannon Ward is the chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Associational Missionary.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Baileys Camp: Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 78, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Laurel Fork: Cecil Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N. C.	28605
Laytown: Fritz Dula, Rt. 5, Box 326, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Mount Vernon: James Coffey, Rt. 4, Boone, N. C.	28607
Rock Springs: Gary Hawkins, Rt. 3, Box 548, Lenoir, N. C.	28645
Sandy Flat: Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, N. C.	28607

## DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

Baileys Camp: Roy Gryder and Mabel McLean.	
Boone Fork: Linda H. Mills, Eunice Luttrell, Eva Gragg, Rosetta Hollifield, Sue Harrison, and Floyd Coffey.	
Doe Ridge: Arvil Hardy and Pauline Eldreth.	



Laurel Fork: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Max West, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Miller, Martha Ford, and Mrs. Shelby Miller.

Laytown: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Dula, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Bean, Mrs. Zora Dillard, Mrs. Rita Shoemaker. Alternates — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Triplett and Mrs. Nadine Holt.

Long Ridge: Lloyd Hoilman, Charlotte Hoilman, Ronald Woodie, and Ray Clark.

Mount Ephriam: Rev. Harold Danner, Brenda Danner, Opal Cox, and Leano Miller, alternate.

Mount Vernon: Christine Critcher, Will Critcher, Noble Parks, Margaret Parks, Keith Critcher, Beulah Cook, and Winifred Hampton.

Rock Springs: Miss Irene Dula, Miss Jill Triplett, Mrs. Dolores Dove, Mr. Tom Simmons, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Woods.

Sandy Flat: Mamie Craig, Myra Townsend, and Tammy Craig.

Watauga: Mr. and Mrs. Mont Teague, Johnny Townsend, Ruth Townsend, Ray Franklin, and Barbara Franklin.

Yellow Hill: Coy Church, Leah Church, Earl Welborn, Linda Welborn, Doyce Hamby, and Wanda Hamby.

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, subject to amendment:

#### ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this body is the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

#### ARTICLE II—Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Association shall be to assist in the cooperation of Missionary Baptist Churches. The Association shall promote evangelism, fellowship, missions, and Christian Education in the area of the Association; and at the same time co-operating with other associations, the Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention in all work of Southern Baptist.

#### ARTICLE III—Membership

The Association shall consist of Messengers who are members of affiliated churches as follows:

(1) Each church of the Association shall be entitled to five (5) messengers and every church having one hundred members shall be entitled to six (6) messengers, and one additional messenger for every fifty (50) thereafter provided that number does not exceed ten (10).

(2) Pastors of affiliated churches.

(3) Duly elected officers of the Association.

(4) All ordained ministers who are members of the affiliated churches.

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ARTICLE IV—Affiliated Churches

Section 1. Baptist Churches shall be received into fellowship only after having been under the watchcare of the Association for one year. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Moderator, who shall entertain the proper motion and by majority vote receive such church under watchcare.

Section 2. Any church under the watchcare shall bring an authenticated letter (Regular Letter Form) to the next Annual Association.

Section 3. Baptist churches who are affiliated with and in fellowship with other Baptist Associations may become affiliated with this Association without coming under the watchcare by a majority vote.

Section 4. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interests but in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or policy.

Section 5. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two (2) consecutive years, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to confer with the church, and if a satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the Association, the Association by a majority of its messengers casting ballots may withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

## ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Evangelism, Associational Missionary and V. B. S. Superintendent.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected from the floor by a majority vote at each Annual Meeting. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall not serve in the same capacity for more than two successive years.

Section 3. Other stated Associational Officers, Committees, Representatives, and those giving reports shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI—Officers, Representatives and Reports

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall nominate the following Officers, Representatives, and those giving reports.

- (1) Officers: Associational Sunday School Superintendent  
Associational VBS Director  
Associational Training Union Director  
Associational Music Director  
Chairman of Evangelism  
Associational W. M. U. President to be elected by the Associational  
W. M. U. and the name given to the Executive Committee.
- (2) Representatives:

North Carolina Baptist Hospital  
North Carolina Children's Homes  
North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging  
Denominational Colleges (Christian Education)

Denominational Literature (Religious Literature)  
 Annuity Board  
 Baptist Foundation  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

(3) Reports:

Home Missions  
 State Missions  
 Foreign Missions  
 Stewardship  
 Cooperative Program  
 Obituaries  
 Temperance and Morals  
 VBS Report  
 WMU Report  
 Sunday School Report  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

#### ARTICLE VII—Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Missionary.

Section 2. The Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. He shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon after the Annual Meeting as possible to select the other committees of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall select the following Committees:

(1) Finance Committee. This committee shall be composed of four (4) members including the Associational Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the Treasurer in guiding the churches to give systematically to Associational work, inform the churches when there is not enough money to meet our obligations, to encourage a special day offering for Associational Missions, and to see that the Associational Clerk is duly compensated.

(2) Time, Place and Preacher. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations as to where the Association shall meet and designate who is to preach the annual sermons.

(3) Program Committee. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members, two of whom shall be the Associational Clerk and Missionary.

(4) Resolutions Committee. This committee shall be composed of two (2) members. It shall be their duty to present to the Association such resolutions as Thanks, Gratitude and other such resolutions they shall deem in order.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between the annual meetings in conformity with the expressed decisions of the Association.

Section 5. Any other committee deemed necessary by the Association shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times between Annual Sessions. Those present shall constitute a quorum after all members have been notified. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to give such notice.

#### ARTICLE VIII—Parliamentary Law

Section 1. The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law" where not otherwise specified by this Constitution or its By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX—Doctrinal Statement

The New Testament is the sole authority for the faith and practice of this Association. We believe the Bible is God's Word.

It shall be understood that ministry or membership in this Association means embracing and supporting, along with other Christian tenets equally or comparably vital the following doctrinal emphasis: The Divine inspiration, supremacy, and authority of the Scriptures. The Scripture shall be the Supreme by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

The Deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutional death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and the premillennial coming of Christ; likewise the sovereignty of God, the total depravity of man, the absolute necessity of regeneration; Scriptural believers baptism by immersion, as prerequisite to church membership; the Lord's Supper administered by the local church; the local church as an autonomous body; separated from the world in Christian deportment; the doctrine of the Trinity as Scripturally maintained; the rapture of the church as the Christian's hope; the resurrection of the body of Christians concurrent with the rapture; the earthwide reign of Christ; the ultimate judgment of the impenitent, a heaven of eternal duration for the saved and the eternal punishment in hell for the unsaved.

## ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution may be amended at any Annual session by a vote of two thirds of messengers voting provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Executive Committee two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS

## Article I—Meetings

The Association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in August.

## Article II—Duties of Officers

1. Moderator and Vice Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall be members of the Executive Committee and ex officio members of all standing committees. They shall make appointments as provided for in the constitution.

2. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Association and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed minutes of the Association. He shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the Clerks of Churches affiliated with the Association.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipts, and distribution of all monies. He will keep a record of both and make an annual report to the Association.

4. The Sunday School Superintendent shall direct and promote the Sunday School Program.

5. The Training Union Director shall direct and promote the Training Union Program.

6. The Brotherhood President shall direct and promote the Brotherhood Program.

7. W. M. U. President shall direct and promote the W. M. U. Program.
8. The Vacation Bible School Superintendent shall direct and promote the V. B. S. work, encouraging each church to have a V. B. S.
9. The Music Director shall direct and promote the music ministry of the Association. He shall be present to direct the music at each annual meeting and other Associational functions. He shall have power to choose the Association Pianist. The name of the pianist shall be given to the Clerk as soon as possible after choosing.
10. The Chairman of Evangelism shall direct and promote the program of Evangelism in the Association.
11. The Associational Missionary shall work with the pastors and the department heads of the Association. He shall work to the end that all affiliated churches become involved in all Associational endeavor, but shall at no time go beyond the pastors and officers of the church to hold meetings of any nature in the churches.
12. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Brotherhood President, W. M. U. President, V. B. S. Superintendent, Chairman of Evangelism and Associational Missionary shall each give a report at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

#### Article III—Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator.
3. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject without the expressed consent of the Association.
4. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.
5. Any messenger failing to make an assigned report except for a valid reason shall not be assigned to the program for the next Annual Session.
6. All other Decorum not listed here shall be found as provided for the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1.

#### Article IV—Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two thirds vote of messengers voting provided the amendment has been read at least one hour prior to the vote.

## PROCEEDINGS

On August 14, 1979, the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Max West. He welcomed all to Mount Vernon Baptist Church which was the host church for the 118th annual session of the association for the first day.

Rev. Lloyd Hoilman led in prayer. The congregation sang two songs "Blessed Assurance" and "When We All Get To Heaven". Rev. Eugene Byrd (interim pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church) welcomed all to Mount Vernon Church. Mr. Byrd had devotional reading from Hebrews chapter 4, verse 16 and II Chronicles 7:14. We live in a time of need. Our land is suffering from blight. Each year it gets harder to raise gardens. God forgives, he brings us to a place of repentance. God will heal our land. He will also heal us. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall



humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In time of need we are to come confidentially to God. This is the solution and answer to all our problems. If we come to the throne of God we will receive mercy. God has a purpose for all of us. God has many promises for his people. We find God's grace (unmerited favor) we don't deserve the things that we have, but God has blessed each of us to have the things we have. Pray for our churches, our association and our state. We must give of ourselves to God.

The program was adopted with alterations and changes that might be necessary. 12 of the churches were represented the first day.

We have one new interim pastor in our association — Rev. Eugene Byrd at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. The visitors present with us were Clyde J. Morris from the Children's Home and Bob Abrams from Gardner-Webb College.

The following reports were all moved for adoption and approved after being read. Some of the following reports were read by other messengers, as some of those appointed were unable to attend.

## EVANGELISM REPORT

The theme for report — BOLD EVANGELISM THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH. The first thing we should do is to ask the question what is Evangelism? Evangelism is spreading the word of Jesus Christ to all the world. Evangelism is becoming a major issue across our state and more churches are realizing the need in our communities. With the drug problem and alcoholism across America the need for Evangelism becomes greater. Now we as Pastors and lay people in the Associations should realize this is our job to help win the lost to Christ. Our goal for 1980 should be to reach these unsaved souls and win them to the Lord.

Every Church in all of our Associations are encouraged to double baptisms by 1982 or sooner, this is when our Statewide Evangelistic Crusade is scheduled. Let's all join together and make this the greatest Crusade ever. My last thought I leave with you is found in St. John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lloyd Hoilman

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Despite talk of economic setback and denominational controversy, the Cooperative Program unified budget ended in July with \$1,081,019 more money than collected for the same period last year.

"If controversy and talk of recession hurts missions, you can't prove it by our Cooperative Program receipts," commented Cecil Ray, Convention general secretary.

"This is the best record for a mid-year report ever in the history of the state convention. The only other time we reported a million dollar increase before was in November of 1978," said Ray.

The July record also comes following two other good years of CP giving. In July of 1977, for example, the Cooperative Program was 7.5 per cent over the previous



year. In July, 1978, the amount was a 9.23 per cent increase.

The July 1979 record is more than a 13 per cent increase in CP dollars over the same giving period in 1978.

The 1979 Cooperative Program budget, \$15,507,450 represents a \$2 million growth over the 1978 budget.

The convention is engaged in a Bold Mission Thrust program to double the Cooperative Program budget by 1982 (over 1976 giving).

Eight churches of the Stony Fork Association gave \$6,430 and increase of \$585.00 above last year through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Basil Tester

## HOME MISSIONS

The objective of the Home Mission Board is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ. Where there is no vision the people perish, but where there is a vision the people flourish. The last two years 1977-79 were designated to be a time of "Sharing Christ's Bold Mission". This is a challenge to every Christian. In Genesis 1:1 God began all things. In Genesis 12:1-3 he chose Abraham to be his instrument of producing a people of God. As surely as the Father sent Jesus on a mission to redeem so surely he sent us on a mission. Mission was God's heavenly vision in the beginning. Mission became a historical reality in Christ. Mission is a human necessity presently. Jesus first invitation was missionary. "Follow me and I will make you fisher of men." Paul preached that believers were God's necessary link to unbelievers. We were made for missions.

Southern Baptist must become involved in missions to enable every person in the world to have opportunity to hear the gospel by 2000.

We entered about 100 of the 680 underevangelized countries in America last year and over 1,000 new churches or church type missions were started. Home Missions received about 7% of Cooperative Program money. The Annie Armstrong Easter offering goes to Home Missions.

Home Missions is — Working with migrant workers, working with people who do not speak English. It helps to establish weekday ministries with needy people. Helps cross social barriers, helps student summer workers witnessing to people of other faiths. Home Missions means pioneer missions, starting new work where Baptist are few and far between. Home Missions means "Go and as you go make disciples."

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Wood

## STATE MISSIONS REPORT

North Carolina Baptist continue to expand and develop new ideas each year from its September State Missions Offerings. This years offering goal for 1979 is \$2,000,000, with 30% going to State Missions, which is \$600,000, 30% going to Children's Homes, which is \$600,000, 15% going to Hospital, which is \$300,000, 15% going to Homes for Aging, which is \$300,000, 5% going to Higher Education, which is \$100,000 and 5% going to Heck-Jones (WMU), which is \$100,000. This

offering is called the six-in-one offering for all North Carolina ministries. The one offering replaces the Children's Home Thanksgiving offering, Valentine Day Home for the Aging offering, Mother's Day Hospital offering, Father's Day Christian Higher Education offering, WMU Heck-Jones offering, and State Missions offering.

We hear much about some few of these Ministries, such as our Children's Homes, Baptist Hospital, and Homes for the Aging, but there are over 51 different Ministries. Some we seldom hear about are, Workshops for Christian workers, Seminars, Chaplaincy, Seminary extension, Fruitland Bible Institute, Ministry to the deaf, Language groups such as Mexicans and Vietnamese, Student Summer Missions in many summer resort areas, and summer camps for many of our youth, supplements some Pastor's salaries, and aids many churches in Training Programs. These are just a few, so we have a part in many ministries for Christ if we will only be willing and look at the many needs that awaits our support through our (ingathering Sundays) September 23, 30, and October 7 or whatever date your church has designated to give. I urge our churches in the Stony Fork Association to give generously to these great causes through our State Missions Offering.

Many times we think of missions on the other side of the world, but not so; Acts 1:8 says "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." So let us begin in our local churches, then into the State, then into the world.

II Corinthians 9:6-7 Says: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold L. Bean

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

We as Southern Baptist believe every individual on this earth should have an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Today Southern Baptist express their missions conviction in terms of the primary challenge and objective of bold mission thrust: To provide every person on earth the opportunity to hear the gospel by the close of this century.

This denomination, of course, is only a part of the world's Christian community. All believers everywhere must share in such a massive challenge. But Southern Baptist seek to do their part, to be faithful in their responsibility.

Our Foreign Mission Board has added four new mission fields: One new field is Burundi, Africa entered January 1, 1978; another was Mauritius, Africa, this Indian Ocean Island was entered in the fall of 1978: Bolivia, Latin America and the island of Haiti in the Caribbean. Our missionaries helped these people dig wells where it had been drought stricken for three years and they preached the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the close of the year 1978 we had missionaries in 94 countries. The addition of new missionary personnel by the Foreign Mission Board reached a new high in 1978 for the third straight year. Appointments in all categories totaled 350; a 25

percent increase over 1977. The total included 181 career missionaries. This exceeded by 5 the highest previous year (1963). New personnel gain in 1978 was 130. At the end of the year 1978 the missionary staff totaled 2,906. The Bold Mission Thrust is to increase the missionary staff to 5,000 by the year 2000 A.D. This mission work remains a great challenge to all Christians everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Critcher

Mr. James Lambert spoke following the reports on Evangelism, Cooperative program, Home Missions, State Missions, and Foreign Missions. He had been to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in June of this year. He came back feeling real good about Bold Missions. 1100 New Missionaries were appointed at the Astro-dome. 1200 came forward when Billy Graham spoke. We must give of ourselves if we are going to do the work of Missions. Baptist care, lets seek to become more for Jesus Christ each day. Jesus Saves. Let God remold our minds in our faith in him. Remember that the N. C. Missions Offering will be taken up in September. The 6 offerings are all combined into one offering. The goal is \$2,000,000. It will be divided up as follows: State Missions — 30% — \$600,000; Children's Homes — 30% — \$600,000; Hospital — 15% — \$300,000; Homes for Aging — 15% — \$300,000; Higher Education — 5% — 100,000; Heck Jones (WMU) — 5% — 100,000.

Following a 10 minute break the congregation sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The Baptists of the Stony Fork Association have strong beliefs about the Bible. We believe that the Bible was divinely inspired. "All scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

We believe that the reading and exposition of the Bible is a vital part of every worship service.

We commend to all the example of the Bereans in Acts 17 who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so."

We believe the Bible should be read daily in the homes that our children might be instructed in order to become "wise unto salvation."

We believe it should be our goal "that we study to show thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The American Bible Society founded in 1816 is an important agency for the distribution of God's Word. Its efforts cover five continents.

Some of the highlights for 1978 include:

177,000 Scriptures distributed in the Sudan area of Africa.

More than 60,000,000 copies of the Scripture distributed in India.

A concerted effort to reach every home in Mexico with a copy of God's Word.

The parting of the Iron Curtain to allow 25,000 Bibles to be sent to Russia.

One million copies of the Scriptures passed out in Spain.

127,414,817 Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections were distributed in the United States.

In order that more people may read the Scriptures the American Bible Society is

now sponsoring New Reader Scriptures to help people just learning to read.

Also the Bible is being translated into the languages spoken in today's world. As of December 31, 1978 at least one complete book of the Bible has been published in 1,659 languages.

It is noteworthy that a great deal of the work of distribution is done by American Bible Society volunteers who numbered more than 33,400 in 1978.

The work of the Society is financed by gifts from churches, denominations and agencies with the Southern Baptist Convention contributing \$309,204 in 1978, nearly one-fifth of the Society's total support.

We feel this to be a worthy effort and deserving of our continued support.

(Statistics furnished by Arthur C. Borden, Secretary, Church Relations, The American Bible Society.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Eugene Byrd

Robert Abrams was with us from Gardner-Webb College. He talked about the seven Baptist Colleges. The ministry of the North Carolina Baptist Colleges has been made possible through the Cooperative Program.

Gardner-Webb is now providing an opportunity for hearing-impaired students to pursue their college goals. Reverend Jerry Potter is serving as Coordinator of Deaf Programs at Gardner-Webb. The specialized training, equipment and supportive services have been made available. This fall they will have fifteen hearing-impaired students enrolled.

## PIEDMONT BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED 1979 REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION

Children in the care of the Baptist Children's Homes are like children anywhere you find them. They are looking to and receiving guidance from caring adults, their minds are being enriched in appropriate educational development, their spiritual needs are being attended, they are happily at play and they are contributing to the lives of the people close to them. Many of them are finding it possible to become a part of a reestablished family because the important relatives in their lives are served by the Children's Homes while the child is in care.

There is a continuing need in our society for existing programs of service. Flexibility and change are the order of the day for the Baptist Children's Homes to meet whatever human need is expressed as the family confronts societal pressures. This is a real challenge.

Piedmont North Carolina families have ready access to statewide services offered by the Baptist Children's Homes. The institution's administrative offices are located in Thomasville and provide a supportive resource. Mills Home is located there as well to offer group care, social work, counsel, education, religious training and referral.

A Family Services Center headquartered in Charlotte and serving eight surrounding counties has successfully piloted the concept of community based services and is another resource in emergency care to all the piedmont. The piedmont also has



an emergency care center in Burlington, a specialized program at Wall Home, foster homes services, the Child Development Center at Mills Home, and other family education services available to all of North Carolina.

Every effort is being made to be a part of and cooperate with the Bold Missions program of advance fostered by the Baptist State Convention in cooperation with the local church.

An indepth, comprehensive self-study of every segment of the Baptist Children's Homes is just being concluded by the institution's trustees. The study has taken two years and projects the future direction of the Homes over the next decades.

A major portion of the 1978-79 operating budget of the Homes comes from the local church through the Cooperative Program, Special Gifts and the traditional Thanksgiving Offering. This has helped make it possible to operate thus far this year within income. We are prayerfully concerned, and optimistic, that sufficient funds will continue to come to provide needed services to families and children.

Pastors, other church leaders, and Associational leaders are asking for help in ministering to families. Services of the Homes are being localized as rapidly as possible in order to join hands with these concerned people.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Craig

We were very happy to have Clyde J. Morris with us from the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Inc. Mr. Morris is Associate Director of Development. He brought greetings from Dr. Wagoner and the staff. For 94 years they have had programs for child care. We have excellent leadership. We need capable people to serve as house parents; Foster homes are provided throughout the state by families committed to working with our staff to care for children who need individualized attention in a home environment. The Emergency Care Centers are for children who need temporary care while long-range planning is being made for them. The Maternity Home in Asheville provides a haven for troubled girls at a critical time in their lives. We are grateful for your support through the Cooperative Program, the Thanksgiving Offering and special gifts.

Jerry Potter director for Deaf Ministries spoke briefly concerning his work. He has worked for 27 years in North Carolina with deaf people. This year for the first time in history, a Baptist college is open to deaf students. (Gardner-Webb). Jerry Potter gave two years of his time to work with Gardner-Webb in setting up this program for the deaf. In May at a Deaf Youth Retreat they had more than one hundred deaf young people touched with the gospel. When people pray things happen. God will meet their needs if we care. If we care we will meet the needs of the deaf people. Ephesians 3:17-19. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1979

Although growth in bed capacity at Baptist Hospital has leveled off at just under 700 beds, there is continuing expansion of the hospital's services. This expansion

results from new discoveries made through medical research, and is in response to the health care needs of people.

During the past year a 38-bed rehabilitation unit has opened to offer short-term services and family instruction to the disabled. The chief beneficiaries of this program are patients with strokes, arthritis, burns, long-term casts, joint replacement surgery, brain tumors, spinal cord injuries, hand injuries, and some cardiac problems.

A new six-bed burn unit is scheduled to open soon. This unit will permit the isolation of burn patients in a location where all required services are immediately available.

An automatic clinical analyzer, the first of its kind in the state, has been acquired and put into operation. This fully automated analyzer, which uses computer technology, can perform more than 200 tests. It analyzes blood serum and body fluids and provides results in less than eight minutes. These prompt and accurate results are of particular importance in critical care areas, such as the emergency room.

Another new ministry is a program of home visitation for children with cancer and their families. A team consisting of physicians, nurses, a psychologist and chaplains ministers to families during three critical periods: when a child has received a recent diagnosis of cancer, when a child is terminally ill, when a child has recently died.

Our chaplains lead worship services in Davis Chapel, which are relayed to all patient rooms by closed-circuit television. They also provided a pastoral ministry to patients, their families and to staff members; provide more than 15,000 hours of personal counselling annually; offer personal growth and enrichment events to hundreds of clergy and lay persons each year; and conduct the largest program of clinical pastoral education in the world. Ministries of the Pastoral Care department are made accessible to people across the state through satellites in Fayetteville, Raleigh, Morganton and Charlotte.

Baptist Hospital has actively participated in the Voluntary Effort to keep hospital costs as low as possible. Our hospital and several of its employees have been recognized and received awards for their cost-saving ideas and efforts. Our patients benefit in that the hospital's room rate increase this year — despite continuing inflation — is only 5%, as compared to an annual increase of 6% in recent years.

In recent months the hospital's oldest building — "Old Main" — has been torn down and a new six-story Focus Building is now rising on this site.

Our hospital staff members have been working with representatives from other denominational agencies and with leaders of the Baptist State Convention to promote the North Carolina Missions Offering. The hospital looks forward to receiving its share of this offering, as gifts from the churches in the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$196,516, as compared to \$388,122 in the preceeding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted  
Mamie Craig

Calvin Knight spoke following the Hospital Report: At Baptist Hospital the medical staff consists of competent, dedicated men and women in all the various specialties of medicine. At the hospital we try to help people with emotional and spiritual needs as well as physical. You are a part of this ministry.

The annual message was by Rev. Harold Bean reading from II Timothy the 2nd chapter verses 1-7 and Ephesians 10:11. Being soldiers for the Lord. As christians let's put on the whole armour of God. Stand on a solid rock. We as Pastors, Association, and churches need to get busy in following the orders of Jesus Christ. We will have to endure hardness, but be strong in the Lord. Ministers are called to do God's



work. All of us have something to be thankful for today. Jesus Christ still saves. As Christians let's act like Christians, straighten out our hearts first and then God will straighten out all the other things. Repent and pray and God will cleanse. Be strong, obedient, and listen to what the Spirit saith, and then respond. All will stand and give and account to God.

We have talked a lot about Bold Missions in our reports this morning. We can support it or not support it. The Stony Fork Association could do a lot more. We need to be enthused and zealous in what we are doing. Give of our time and money in the attitude of love. God lets us be caretakers of this world. He supplies all our needs. We must be careful how we take care of the things God has given us, we will be held accountable before him. Do we believe God today? God is love, and he also is a God of wrath and judgment. God has called us, therefore we are to please him.

Rev. Basil Tester asked the blessing and then we were dismissed for lunch.

After the enjoyable lunch and the wonderful fellowship we assembled for the afternoon session. The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me". Rev. Basil Tester had devotional reading from the 3rd chapter of I Corinthians. Working together — The Church at Corinth was following the preacher and not God. We are laborers together with God. We all can't go into other parts of the world, but we can help support others who can go. Let's all work together.

It was a privilege to have Coy Privette with us from the Christian Action League. He brought greetings from D. P. McFarland the Executive Director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc. Bro. Coy Privette is the full-time Associate Director. The Christian Action League takes a stand against the evils of our day being Liquor-by-the-drink, Pornography, drugs, etc. These things are in our counties and our state and they effect each one of us especially those with children. The League needs our prayers and our financial support so that they can continue their fight against these things that are wrong.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The dictionary defines education as the process of developing in knowledge, skill and ability by training, study, teaching or experience. To implement Christian education by these guidelines, we must use every available tool and channel.

Earliest learning begins in the home with parents responding to questions asked by toddlers about God and continues throughout a child's development into maturity. The training should begin with Bible study and broaden as his scope of learning deepens. The family should attend church as a unit.

Unfortunately, due to laws of our land which prohibit religious instruction in our public schools, the public educators are hampered as to what they can teach in this realm. Christian teachers can portray an image worthy of respect and can project Christian examples that students would want to imitate. They have a chance to promote honesty, maintain high morals, and instill other desirable traits.

With the above facts in mind, we see the primary responsibility of Christian education falls on the church and its program. This challenges us to build the strongest Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and Bible Schools possible. Teachers and leaders must use all tools and materials available. Each should endeavor to improve his skills through enrichment courses and personal study. Many Christian books, study aids and other resources are at our disposal for the asking.

Mission organizations can teach much about mission vocations, mission efforts, the ways God calls persons to serve him, and to be a good steward. Leaders need

to plan well so a continued interest will prevail during the years youth are seeking God's will for their lives.

Every feasible effort to stimulate learning and promote Christian education in our churches must be explored and geared for the needs of each church and its members.

Baptists are pioneers in higher education in our country. Their vision was to instruct the youth and give stability to our country when it was young. The same need prevails today. North Carolina Baptist have seven institutions of higher education. Their goals are still being carried out as they have for a total of 729 continuous years of operation. Our thanks to God for educators who strive to maintain the high standards set when our institutions were founded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Greene

## REPORT OF THE BIBLICAL RECORDER TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1979

In its 146th year of serving North Carolina Baptists, the RECORDER, like old man river, keeps rolling along. The RECORDER faced the same problems as everyone did in the past year — price increases in every phase of its operations. The cost of postage continues to go up at a rate of more than 30 percent a year. This means the RECORDER is costing four times as much to mail as it did five years ago. Paper and printing have gone up, but despite these increases, the RECORDER still is about the most reasonable publication available. By keeping the staff small and cutting corners wherever possible, the RECORDER can still go into every home in a church for 7½ cents a week. In today's inflationary world, where else can a person receive so much for so little money.

This has been a newsworthy year and the RECORDER has tried to keep you informed. Wake Forest University and its relationship to the Baptist State Convention continues to be in the news and you can depend on the RECORDER to strive for fairness and responsible coverage.

The Southern Baptist Convention in Houston was another important story this year and as always, the RECORDER was there.

Even though the RECORDER prides itself in coverage of denominational news and events, it devotes more space to the local church than any other state paper in the Southern Baptist Convention. The RECORDER believes in the local church as the foundation stone of what we are trying to do together as Southern Baptists. Strong churches result in a strong denomination.

The editor is completing 20 years and is still striving to make the RECORDER better each week. Your support of the RECORDER will not only mean much to it but will make you a stronger and better informed Christian. If you and your church do not receive the RECORDER, please take steps immediately to see that this is done.

Submitted by  
J. Marse Grant, Editor  
BIBLICAL RECORDER  
and Shelby Miller

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Again this year your associational VBS team attended the state clinic at Ridgecrest. There we learned about materials available and received valuable help and ideas for using them as we conducted our associational clinic. Our associational clinic was held April 20, 1979 at Baileys Camp Baptist Church with 6 churches being represented and a total attendance of 37. Team members leading their respective departments were Rev. Howard Carrigan, adults; Linda Mills, youths; Mamie Craig, older children; Nancy Wood, middle children; Shelby Miller, younger children; Jo Ann Bolick and Eunice Luttrell, preschool; Lorena Carrigan, Mission and Backyard Bible Club; and myself, director. Also Mabel McLean and Mont Teague directed the music. We are pleased to report that 9 churches conducted VBS this year with a total enrollment of 554. We are sad to report that there are still churches that did not conduct VBS. We encourage each church to prayerfully consider the necessity of serving not only their members but also to reach out into the community to those who are not in church. VBS is a very good way to begin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edith Gryder

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

One day in July a farmer — would one call him? — sat in front of his shack, smoking his corn cob pipe. Along came a stranger. "How's your cotton coming?" "Ain't got none," was the answer. "Didn't plant none. Fraid of the boll weevil." "Well, how's your corn?" "Didn't plant none. Fraid of drouth." "How are your potatoes?" "Ain't got none. Scairt o' tater bugs." "Well" finally asked the stranger, "What did you plant?" "Nothin," answered the farmer, "I just played it safe."

There are some Baptist churches, it is said, which are not doing much planting. They are not winning the lost in the community and are giving little if anything to missions. They are not actively seeking to enlist the members in the work of the church and of the kingdom, or to lead them to grow in stewardship. For one reason or another they do not have a financial plan for the church and do not ask the members to make a pledge or to tithe. They just "play it safe." But this is not the picture of a church which realizes its responsibility — to the Lord, to the members and to a lost world. The church does have a responsibility for the stewardship of every member. We should lay a solid stewardship foundation by leading our church members to greater knowledge of their responsibility in financially supporting their church's ministries and be challenged to prayerfully evaluate their giving through the church. Few churches need to be reminded that tithes and offerings don't exactly overflow the usher's plates. This year there are additional pressures on everyone. Many people will be staying closer home for vacations. This might make it better this year for churches insofar as attendance and gifts are concerned. Of course our obligations to the church are not optional or marginal. They should have priority at all times. Expenses continue and churches are hit by increases in utility rates, literature, telephone bills, etc. just as individuals are. So the principles of christian stewardship is that God owns everything. He is creator, the giver and sustainer of life. All that we have was provided by God and we are to be stewards accountable to him for the way we use our God-given resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecil Wood

## ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

A five-year development plan described as "Fresh and Bold" has just been launched by the retirement and insurance programming departments at the Southern Baptist Convention. The plan has renewed efforts by the board to deliver greater financial protection to Southern Baptist ministers. The new idea is aimed at churches whose ministers and employees don't participate in the Southern Baptist Retirement Programs. Special emphasis will be directed toward such targets as bi-vocational ministers, ethnic ministers and employees of smaller churches.

The Annuity Board recommends churches pay an amount equaling at least 10 percent of an employees total compensation (salary plus benefits) into the retirement program. Smaller amounts won't provide sufficiently for retirement.

According to statistics, almost 40 percent of Southern Baptist churches claim no participation in the Board's retirement program. Through education of pastors and church members the Board hopes to greatly reduce this figure. This retirement program has taken a lot of hard work and a time period of two years.

Inflation and the complexity of our ever changing world make it necessary that we as laypeople and pastors are aware of new programs being offered by our Annuity Board. Future annual themes planned by the Board include: Protection with a Heart, 1980; Bold Service, Bold Support, 1981; Protection in Stewardship, 1982; Partners in Protection, 1983; and Care-Boldly Expressed, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Miller

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS — 1979

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2

Since January 1, 1979, the Foundation staff with the assistance from Rev. James B. McQuere, retired Director of Missions of the South Fork Baptist Association, an intensive effort has been made through conferences over the state to familiarize as many pastors as possible of the helpful services provided by the Baptist State Convention through the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. The Foundation is available to assist individual Baptists with their estate planning, regardless of the size of the estate. Many of the most significant and meaningful gifts to support the Christian ministries through the denomination have been directed through the Foundation as trustee. These services are available from the trained staff and their professional support (accounting and legal services) employed for this purpose without cost to individual participants. Where an individual desires to be a part of sharing the gospel beyond his or her lifetime, the establishment of a trust with the Foundation provides a tangible participation in such activities.

The Foundation has been actively engaged in assisting individuals in not only having their Wills redrafted, but also in the preparation and establishment of annuity trusts. Through such a trust, an individual or couple can place in trust assets (such as property, cash or securities) and receive income for the remainder of their lives. After death, the income from the trust will be paid to the donor's choice(s) of Baptist missions work and/or institution. This method of giving provides the satisfying knowledge of being a faithful steward in utilizing resources more completely



for the Lord's ministries, as well as, taking advantage of the laws of our land in reducing taxation on resources — both income and estates.

A personal and private appointment with a Foundation staff member can be arranged either through your pastor, association Director of Missions or by writing or calling the Foundation office. The address is: P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Woodie

Rev. Eugene Byrd, benediction. This ended the first day of our annual meeting.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the second day of the annual session of the Stony Fork Association together at Boone Fork Baptist Church, on August 15, 1979.

Prayer by Rev. Harold Danner. The congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus". Rev. Cannon Ward had devotional reading from II Peter chapter 1 verses 1-8. Challenge — Look to Jesus. Be bold, stand and claim the promises of Jesus. Carry the message of Jesus everywhere we go.

## WMU REPORT

"But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in Him?" 1 John 3:17. Our responsibility as Christians is clear. If God's love truly dwells within us it will be shown to others by the way we share our wealth with our neighbors in need around the world.

Our annual WMU meeting was held at Laurel Fork. We had a lovely young Christian woman, Miss Sharon Wolf tell us of her work with young people in the western part of our state and the problems she encountered and how she solved them. I am thankful the Home Mission Board is supporting such dedicated young Christians. Our officers were elected as nominated at the previous council meeting. The WMU statistics have not changed from last year. We gained no new WMU organizations or other departments sponsored by the WMU. Membership remained about the same and this reflects the lack of growth most Baptists are facing all over America today.

The WMU groups continued to meet regularly although we missed a couple of council meetings due to bad weather and for this reason we elected to combine our September and December meetings and have one in September.

We had our week of prayer for Home and Foreign Missions, continued to support a needy child at Broyhill Home and tithe 10% to the Cooperative Program. All the churches who reported to me had met their goals for the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings although the national goals fell a little short.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Mills

## TRAINING UNION

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, the parable of the talents, the Master speaks saying, "Well done my good and faithful servant — enter into the joy of the Lord". The servant was not invited into the leisure of his master nor into a life of ease. Instead he was given greater responsibility. Such is the case with us. As we work, learn, and accomplish for our Lord we find more to do, greater opportunities to be about our masters work and more need to learn. It has been aptly stated that Christianity is only one generation away from extinction. One of the most effective means available to us to assure Christian growth rather than extinction is church training. A church training program will help God's people, old and young to become better individuals better witnesses and better stewards. Church training shows us how to put our talents to work.

I am pleased to report that in October 1978 Boone Fork joined the six other churches in the association that have Training Union. We welcome them and pray for their success.

Our annual "M" night program was held with Sandy Flat on October 1, 1978. We had good music, good fellowship and a challenging sermon. "M" night this year will be held with Boone Fork on October 7, 1979. We invite all to attend and worship with us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Gryder

## FINANCE REPORT

In treasury in 1978	543.75
Paid for minutes	449.80
Clerk	100.00
Mount Vernon Gymnasium Fund	40.00
Postage for mailing purposes	26.00
Sandy Flat sent Association	234.50
Boone Fork sent Association	90.00
Rock Springs Minutes January 1979	20.00
Boone Fork sent Clerk	15.00
Laytown sent Clerk	25.00
Total Expenditures	615.80
Total in treasury in 1979	642.48
Taken up for Association Clerk at Boone Fork August 1979	45.90

## TOTAL PAID IN FOR MINUTES IN 1979

Bailey Camp	25.00
Boone Fork	25.00
Doe Ridge	20.00
Laurel Fork	50.00
Laytown	15.00
Long Ridge	15.00
Mount Ephriam	12.00
Mount Paron	35.00
Mount Vernon	100.00



New Hopewell	0
Rock Springs	25.00
Sandy Flat	25.00
Watauga	20.00
Yellow Hill	15.00
TOTAL	382.00

## REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING FOR 1978-1979

This has been a year of great significance and celebration in the life of our North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging! We would give praise and thanksgiving to God especially, and to our Baptist pastors and churches throughout North Carolina for the victories that we have experienced!

Of outstanding importance has been the completion, dedication, and occupancy of our new Western North Carolina Baptist Home, in Asheville. This lovely new Home, accommodating 50 additional residents, was dedicated to the glory of God on April 29, 1979. Already, there are enough residents who have arrived, and those who have been approved for admission, to fill the Home.

The new apartment complex in Winston-Salem, accommodating 16, has been completed and all of the apartments have either been filled or assigned. With an older apartment, built in 1961, there are a total of five duplex apartments, accommodating 20 persons. With the apartment complex, the six Baptist Homes for the Aging, and the skilled nursing facility, 300 persons can be served in our Baptist Homes. Homes are located in the following places: Resthaven, The Hayes Home, Apartments, The Skilled Nursing Unit, in Winston-Salem; the Albemarle Home, in Albemarle; the Hamilton Home in Hamilton; the Yanceyville Home, in Yanceyville; the Western North Carolina Baptist Home, in Asheville.

Financially, this has been a crucial year in our Baptist Homes, since we did not have our usual 3rd Sunday of February Offering, which makes up 16% of our total budget. We have had to move into our endowment funds in order to operate and to keep the ship afloat, since the usual \$300,000.00 that we receive from the Special Offering was delayed until we receive the North Carolina Missions Offering in September. We are looking forward to this offering in a very special way, and it will certainly be crucial in the support of our Homes for the Aging. Let us trust that the goal of \$2,000,000, for all of our ten Baptist Institutions, and the special causes of State Missions, will be met.

Support through the Cooperative Program for our Homes, which supplies about 8% of our total budget continues in a steady and encouraging manner. During the 28 years of the ministry of the Homes, however, the amount of 1 2/10% of the Baptist State Convention Cooperative dollar for the Homes has never been changed.

Through the love gifts of North Carolina Baptists, five out of every six people, who cannot pay the full cost of care, are supplemented. This, therefore, is a ministry of Christian love and compassion at its best in the lives of those dear older people who are in our care.

Of great joy has been the addition of two new administrative staff members — Mr. Jack Hoyle, who came in mid-January as the Director of Admissions and Social Services, and Rev. Jim Saul, as the Director of Denominational Relations and Development. Rev. Saul is filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Rev. Ralph

Cannon, in March. We shall never cease being grateful to the Lord for the significant contribution that Ralph made during his service with the Homes. The ministry of the Homes has been greatly enhanced and enriched by the coming of Jack Hoyle and Jim Saul in their respective fields of service.

Ministry to an older person is a ministry as unto Christ Himself. We trust that you will keep this vital ministry close to your heart and in your prayers, and that your gifts will enable us not only to minister to those in our care, but encourage us to expand this desperately needed ministry in our Convention.

## TEMPERANCE AND MORALS

We live in a sin polluted society, and we have seen corruption eat away at our society, and our government, State, Federal and also Local. We have seen scandals, in Government, Business, and also in our churches revealed. We have seen deterioration in our Educational Systems because of the results from sin and sinful persons. Pornography, sex, drugs, and alcohol are eating away at the Foundation of what this Great and Wonderful Nation was founded upon, "In God We Trust." The use of profanity and obscene expressions are now becoming a part of everyday life. Dishonesty is a major practice throughout the land. The attitude used to be, "Just don't get caught," now it is the attitude "I really don't care." The Christian people must uphold Temperance and Moral Standards by observing and practicing what the church covenant teaches and most of all by putting into practice what God's word teaches. Jesus said, "You are the Salt of the earth, and you are the Light of the world." It is time that we as christians be salt and light. In Ephesians 6:10-11 God's word says, Finally, my brethern be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore brethern, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Saint Matthew 26:41 Jesus said, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Therefore let us lift up God's standards in our daily living, in all purity, with all prayer and supplication in the spirit for all saints.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold L. Bean

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School is the basic Bible teaching unit of the church. Each person, according to his age level, is taught the Bible on a level he can understand. In our Association, the twelve churches that sent a 1978 report do have Sunday School with a total enrollment of 1,054. The effectiveness of the Sunday School hinges on the dedication of the leaders and the preparation for Bible teaching. Let us resolve as we go forward in Bold Missions to be effective teachers of the Bible through Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Woods

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "I'm Going That Way". Following was the annual message by Rev. Harold Danner reading from — II Chronicles chapter

18. "Standing in the gap with God" — There was evil in the time of Ahab. Jehoshaphat had great riches, he loved and served the Lord. King Ahab was a wicked King and his prophets were false prophets. "Jehoshaphat asked Ahab if there was not a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him? And the King of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil; the same in Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the King say so." II Chronicles 18:6-7.

We need a Bible conviction today. We need boldness to stand and proclaim God's truths. We need men today not afraid of others to stand on what God's word says. God's word is precious let's be a bible-believing people. God uses our life and testimony to influence other people. Too many church members are out of fellowship with each other. Corruption is everywhere, our government, our schools even in some homes, there seems to be no moral standards anymore. We thank God for our young people. God loves you. Stay with God and be counted. Churches are sitting idle, we are not doing what God would have us to do. Let's join hands and hearts and proclaim the word of God. Have a vision for winning souls for Jesus. God help us at the judgment seat of Christ because we didn't do more, let's get out and work. Every person will stand one day before God and receive rewards. Stand up and be counted for God.

Micaiah didn't tell the people what they wanted to hear. He told them of God's truth because he loved God. Don't leave a gap, because if we do the devil will come in. Am I being counted for Jesus where I am at? Invitation; Those who would like to make a deeper commitment to God. Be totally committed to Jesus. Altar of prayer — Rev. Basil Tester leading in prayer.

We were glad to have Rev. Jim M. Saul with us from the Baptist Homes. He is the New Director of Development and Denominational Relations at the Homes. The New Western Carolina Home is paid for, it was paid for out of reserve funds. We enjoyed having Mr. Saul with us in our association.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Since our last associational meeting the Executive Committee has met four times. On September 3, 1978 we met at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. We finished the suggested program for 1979 and selected people to bring reports for the coming year, also committee members were also chosen at the time. Calendar of activities was set up.

October 15, 1978 the Executive Committee met at Mount Vernon Baptist Church and discussed getting a mailing permit for the Stony Fork Association, after a lengthy discussion it was decided to table it at this time.

January 14, 1979 did not meet due to weather conditions.

April 8, 1979 The Executive Committee met again at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. We needed one member to serve on the General Board. Cannon Ward was recommended from our association to serve on the General Board. After he thought and prayed about this Mr. Ward decided to accept. We then sent our recommendations to the General Board of the convention. As of yet we have not heard from the convention concerning the letter.

Rev. Howard Carrigan also resigned as Moderator effective April 8, 1979. He will resume other duties in Lincoln County May 1, 1979. The Vice-Moderator (Max West) is now to complete the term as Moderator. Harold Danner was appointed as

Vice-Moderator. Because of resignations at this time we also appointed members to fill new positions that were left vacant.

The Associational equipment which includes: addressing machine, folder, screen, and slide projector is now being stored at Boone Fork Church.

The Association also at this meeting decided to draw up a resolution concerning the Gay Liberation at ASU. This was done by a committee elected at the meeting. The letters were wrote and sent to the State Attorney General, Dr. Wey, Chancelor at ASU, Watauga Democrat and to Hank Greer at the student union. A deacons school was held at Mount Vernon in June. Garland Hendrix led in these services.

July 8, 1979 The Executive Committee met at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, It was decided to put the Christian Action League on our program permanently. The World Missions Conference will be September 9-15. There was a possibility that the churches of the Stony Fork Association could be a part of this with the Three Forks Association.

Some discussion on our association having a Seminary Extension Course. Take up the discussion at the annual meeting.

Max West, Moderator

## RESOLUTIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Mount Vernon and Boone's Fork for the Christian love and fellowship shown to each delegate attending the associational meetings and to also thank the ladies for the wonderful meals provided each day.

We would also like to thank each convention and Institution speaker for sharing their time and information with us. Let us, the people of the Stony Fork Association, resolve to work harder and in closer fellowship with each other in the coming year so that souls may be won to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

## OBITUARIES

Since our last association seventeen of our beloved members have passed away: Mrs. Herman Coffey (Deacon), and Marcella Wright Burton, from Boone Fork; Mr. Kenneth Brown (Deacon), from Doe Ridge; Mrs. Ruth Miller from Laurel Fork; Mr. Alfred Woodie (Deacon), from Long Ridge; Mr. Gordie Triplett, Mrs. Doyce Triplett, Mr. Conley Waters, and Mr. Mansfield Miller, from Mount Ephriam; Mr. Hubert Critcher, Mrs. Ruth Coffey Cook, Mr. Steve Moody, Mrs. Julia VanDyke, and Rev. A. C. Moody, from Mount Vernon; Herman Hollar, from Sandy Flat; Mrs. Pauline Sluder from Watauga; and Mr. Fred Blankenship, from Yellow Hill.

Moment of silent prayer for those members deceased.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Max West, Moderator; Harold Danner, Vice-Moderator; Barbara West, Clerk & treasurer.

A offering of \$45.90 was taken for the Associational Clerk.

Song "God Be With You Till We Meet"

Discussion: Associational Missionary — The Missions Committee was to proceed in getting an associational missionary. Delegates at the association were to go back to their churches and present this to their church.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction Cannon Ward.

## TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time, Place, and Preacher will be set at next Executive meeting due to the absence of Time, Place, and Preacher Committee.

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES STONY FORK ASSOCIATION

WMU Council Meeting (combined Sept. and Dec. meeting)	Mount Ephriam	September 30, 1979, 2:30
M Night	Boone Fork	October 7, 1979, 7:30
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	January 13, 1980, 2:30
WMU Council Meeting	Mount Vernon	March 30, 1980, 2:30
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	April 13, 1980, 2:30
Annual WMU Meeting	Rock Spring	May 1, 1980
(covered dish supper at 6:00 and a short business meeting at 7:00. Speaker at 7:30.)		
WMU Council Meeting	Sandy Flat	June 29, 1980, 2:30
Executive Meeting	Mount Vernon	July 13, 1980, 2:30
Annual Associational	Mount Paron	August 12, 1980
Meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m.		
Annual Associational	New Hopewell	August 13, 1980
Meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m.		
WMU Council Meeting	Boone Fork	August 31, 1980, 2:30
WMU Council Meeting	Laurel Fork	November 30, 1980, 2:30



## HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson



1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966 Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1967 Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1968 Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1969 Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1970 Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1971 New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1972 Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1973 Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1974 Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1975 Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1976 Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1977 Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1978 Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
1979 Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1980 Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
1981 Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1982 Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
1983 New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1984 Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
1985 Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1986 Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
1987 Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1988 Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1989 Doe Ridge			Loyd Hoilman
1990 Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
1991 Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West

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1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

## TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

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TABLE B SUNDAY SCHOOL

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TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING

TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING		YEAR ENDING JULY 31		1979												New Church Member Training Participation		
Association		(Month & Day)		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	Children	Youth	Adult		
State				Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)	Children enrollment (5-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrollment (18 and over)	Equipping Centers enrollment	Hold File enrollment	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of church (or church missions)	Total Church Training enrollment	Average weekly Church Training attendance					
North Carolina																		
Associational Church Training Director																		
Roy Gryder																		
Address		CITY	STATE	CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTIONS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)														
Rt. 1, Box 78		Blowing Rock	N. C.	Zip 28605														
CHURCHES																		
Baileys Camp		Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 78, Blowing Rock 28605																
Boone Fork		Don Harrison, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock 28605																
Laurel Fork		Keith Perry, Rt. 4, Boone 28607																
Mount Paron																		
Mount Vernon		Donald Critcher, Rt. 4, Boone 28607																
Rock Springs																		
Sandy Flat		Kay Foster, P. O. Box 874, Blowing Rock 28605																







TABLE E WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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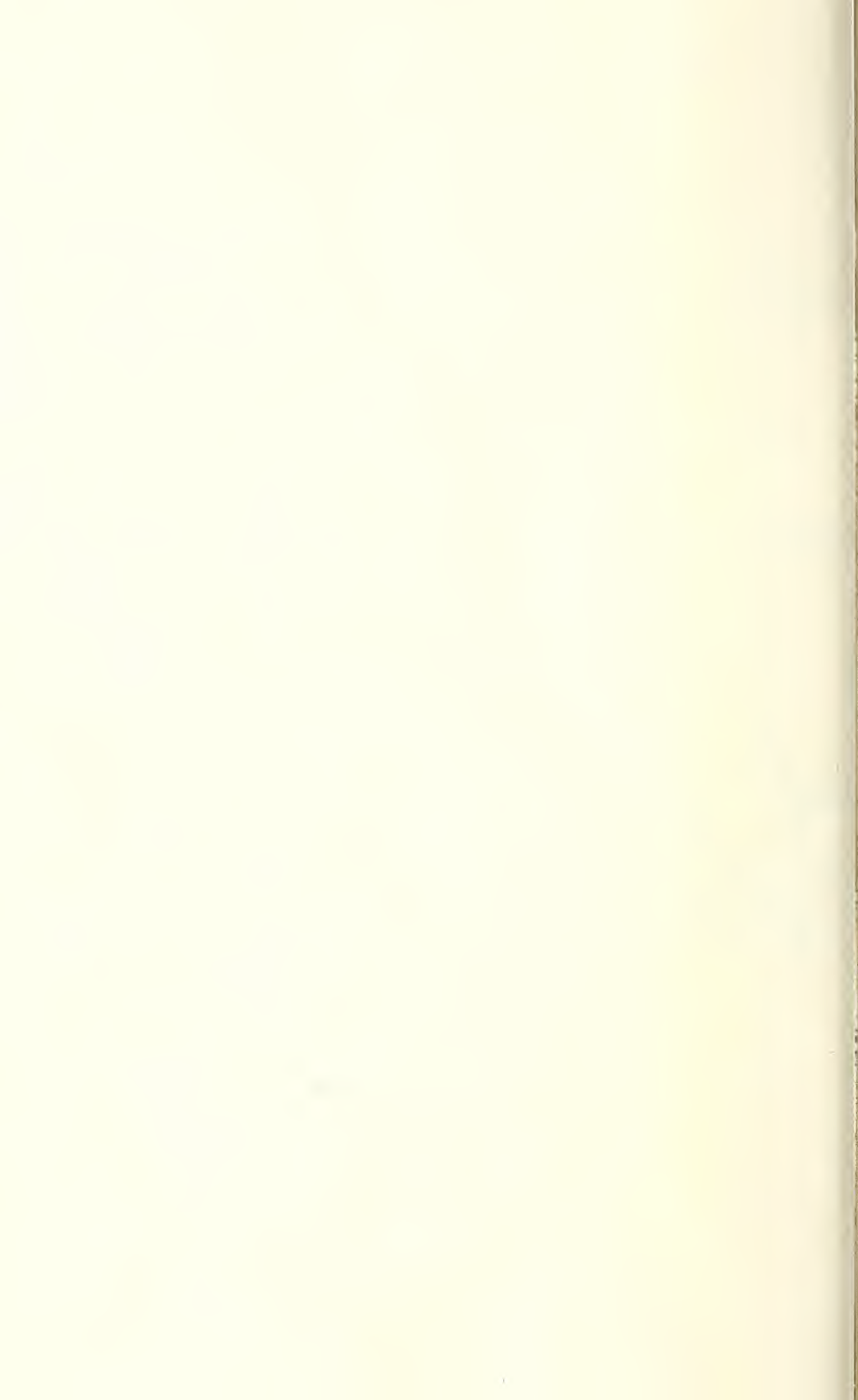
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# Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association Churches



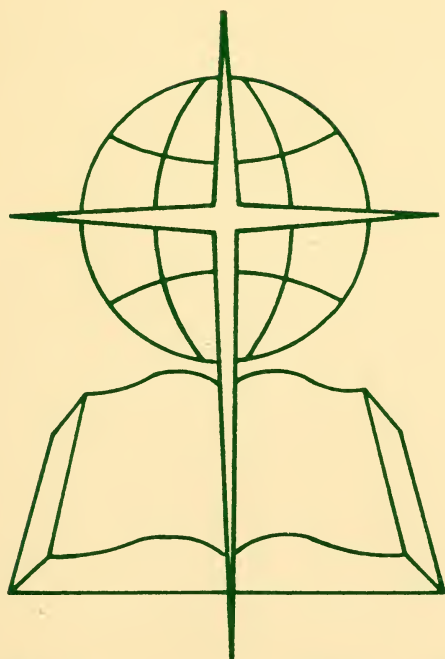




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## Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association

North Carolina



MINUTES  
of the  
STONY FORK MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
NORTH CAROLINA  
1980  
ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With  
Mount Paron Baptist Church  
August 12, 1980

and with  
New Hopewell Baptist Church  
August 13, 1980

Next session will be held with Rock Spring Baptist Church, Route 2, Ferguson, N. C., 28624, August 11, 1981. Annual message by Rev. Cannon Ward, and alternate Rev. Max West.

Second day will be held at Sandy Flat Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1113, Blowing Rock, N. C. 28605, August 12, 1981. Annual message by Rev. Ira Walker, and alternate Rev. Rayner Matheson.

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## SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1981 OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### TUESDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 11, 1981 ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order. . . . .	Don Foster
9:15	Song . . . . .	Congregation
9:20	Devotional . . . . .	Burl Jones
9:30	Adoption of Program	
9:35	Roll Call . . . . .	Barbara West
9:40	Recognition of New Pastors and Workers . . . . .	Moderator
9:45	Evangelism. . . . .	Charles Craig
10:00	Cooperative Program . . . . .	Lloyd Hoilman
10:15	Home Missions . . . . .	Jill Triplett
10:30	State Missions . . . . .	Charlotte Hoilman
10:45	Foreign Missions . . . . .	Beulah Cook
11:00	Hospital Report . . . . .	Mamie Craig
11:15	Annual Message . . . . .	Rev. Cannon Ward
	Alternate. . . . .	Rev. Max West

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:10	Song . . . . .	Congregation
1:15	Devotional	
1:25	Christian Education. . . . .	Winifred Hampton
1:35	Religious Literature. . . . .	Shelby Miller
1:45	Training Union . . . . .	Roy Gryder
1:55	Stewardship . . . . .	Max West
2:05	Annuity . . . . .	Rosetta Hollifield
2:15	Baptist Foundation . . . . .	Burl Jones
2:25	Discussion	
2:35	Adjourn	

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 12, 1981 SANDY FLAT BAPTIST CHURCH

9:00	Call to Order. . . . .	Don Foster
9:05	Song . . . . .	Congregation
9:10	Devotional . . . . .	Max West
9:20	WMU . . . . .	Linda Mills
9:30	Temperance and Morals . . . . .	Phillip Martin
9:40	Christian Action League . . . . .	Speaker
10:00	Vacation Bible School . . . . .	Edith Gryder
10:10	Finance Report . . . . .	Eunice Luttrell
10:20	Home for the Aging. . . . .	Tammy Craig



## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

10:35 Children's Home . . . . .	Eddie Moody
10:50 Sunday School . . . . .	Carroll Wood
11:00 American Bible Society Report . . . . .	Dale Luttrell
11:10 Annual Message . . . . .	Rev. Ira Walker
Alternate. . . . .	Rev. Rayner Matheson
11:50 Executive Report . . . . .	Rev. Don Foster
12:00 Resolutions . . . . .	Shelby Miller & Nancy Wood
12:10 Obituaries . . . . .	Irene Dula
12:15 Time, Place, and Preacher . . . . .	Phillip Martin
12:20 Election of Officers	
12:30 Benediction	
12:40 Lunch	

## DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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 Burl Jones . . . . . Rt. 1, Boomer, NC 28606  
 Lloyd Hoilman . . . . . Rt. 1, Newland, NC 28657  
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## TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

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 Mark Mills . . . . . Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
 Fritz Dula . . . . . Rt. 5, Box 326, Lenoir, NC 28645

## RESOLUTIONS

Shelby Miller . . . . . Rt. 4, Boone, NC 28607  
 Nancy Wood. . . . . Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

## ORDINATION

The Ordination Committee will be made up of each Pastor from each affiliated church. Rev. Rayner Matheson is the chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Associational Missionary.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Bailey's Camp: Roy Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 182, Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
 Laurel Fork: Cecil Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
 Laytown: Fritz Dula, Rt. 5, Box 326, Lenoir, NC 28645  
 Mount Vernon: James Coffey, Rt. 1, Boone, NC 28607  
 Rock Spring: Gary Hawkins, Rt. 5, Box 548, Lenoir, NC 28645  
 Sandy Flat: Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 618, Boone, NC 28607

## DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

Bailey's Camp: Stewart Ford, Lillie Ford, Roy Gryder, and Edith Gryder.

Boone Fork: Linda Mills, Nellie Coffey, Sue Harrison, Rosetta Hollifield, Eunice Luttrell and Floyd Coffey.

Doe Ridge: Arvil Hardy, Junior Eldreth and Pauline Eldreth.

Laurel Fork: Shelby Miller, Doris Miller, Aaron Miller, Nancy Wood, Cecil Wood, Kelly Coffey and Martha Ford.

Laytown: Nadine Holt, Clairece Dula, Rita Shoemaker, and Glenda Dillard.

Long Ridge: Lloyd Hoilman, Charlotte Hoilman and Ronald Woodie.

Mount Ephriam: Olen Miller, Virgil Cox, and Opal Cox.

Mount Paron: R. J. Watson and Paul Greene.

Mount Vernon: Don Foster, Betty Greene, Edna Gragg, Christine Critcher, Beulah Cook, Margaret Elrod, Winifred Hampton, Virginia Critcher, Selma Hollar, and James Coffey.

New Hopewell:

Rock Spring: Dawn Hawkins, Jill Triplett, Irene Dula, Carroll Woods and Tom Simmons.

Sandy Flat: Max West, Barbara West, Charles Craig, Mamie Craig, Ruth Mikeal, and Paul Moody.

Watauga: Mont Teague, Verlee Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Townsend, Ernest Roark, and Verleen Roark.

Yellow Hill: Earl Welborn, Leah Church, Doyce Hamby, Linda Welborn, Cathy Foster and Wanda Hamby.

## CONSTITUTION

## OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, subject to amendment:

## ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this body is the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

## ARTICLE II—Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this Association shall be to assist in the cooperation of Missionary Baptist Churches. The Association shall promote evangelism, fellowship, missions, and Christian Education in the area of the Association; and at the same time co-operating with other associations, the Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention in all work of Southern Baptist.

## ARTICLE III—Membership

The Association shall consist of Messengers who are members of affiliated churches as follows:

(1) Each church of the Association shall be entitled to five (5) messengers and every church having one hundred members shall be entitled to six (6) messengers, and one additional messenger for every fifty (50) thereafter provided that number does not exceed ten (10).

(2) Pastors of affiliated churches.

(3) Duly elected officers of the Association.

(4) All ordained ministers who are members of the affiliated churches.

## ARTICLE IV—Affiliated Churches

Section 1. Baptist Churches shall be received into fellowship only after having been under the watchcare of the Association for one year. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Moderator, who shall entertain the proper motion and by majority vote receive such church under watchcare.

Section 2. Any church under the watchcare shall bring an authenticated letter (Regular Letter Form) to the next Annual Association.

Section 3. Baptist churches who are affiliated with and in fellowship with other Baptist Associations may become affiliated with this Association without coming under the watchcare by a majority vote.

Section 4. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interests but in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or policy.

Section 5. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two (2) consecutive years, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to confer with the church, and if a satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the Association, the Association by a majority of its messengers casting ballots may withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

## ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Evangelism, Associational Missionary and V. B. S. Superintendent.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected from the floor by a majority vote at each Annual Meeting. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall not serve in the same capacity for more than two successive years.

Section 3. Other stated Associational Officers, Committees, Representatives, and those giving reports shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI—Officers, Representatives and Reports

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall nominate the following Officers, Representatives, and those giving reports.

- (1) Officers:
- Associational Sunday School Superintendent
  - Associational VBS Director
  - Associational Training Union Director
  - Associational Music Director
  - Chairman of Evangelism
  - Associational W. M. U. President to be elected by the Associational W. M. U. and the name given to the Executive Committee.

- (2) Representatives:

- North Carolina Baptist Hospital
- North Carolina Children's Homes
- North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging
- Denominational Colleges (Christian Education)

Denominational Literature (Religious Literature)  
 Annuity Board  
 Baptist Foundation  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

(3) Reports:

Home Missions  
 State Missions  
 Foreign Missions  
 Stewardship  
 Cooperative Program  
 Obituaries  
 Temperance and Morals  
 VBS Report  
 WMU Report  
 Sunday School Report  
 (Any other so designated by the Association)

#### ARTICLE VII—Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each affiliated church, Associational Clerk and Missionary.

Section 2. The Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. He shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon after the Annual Meeting as possible to select the other committees of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall select the following Committees:

(1) Finance Committee. This committee shall be composed of four (4) members including the Associational Treasurer. It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the Treasurer in guiding the churches to give systematically to Associational work, inform the churches when there is not enough money to meet our obligations, to encourage a special day offering for Associational Missions, and to see that the Associational Clerk is duly compensated.

(2) Time, Place and Preacher. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations as to where the Association shall meet and designate who is to preach the annual sermons.

(3) Program Committee. This committee shall be composed of three (3) members, two of whom shall be the Associational Clerk and Missionary.

(4) Resolutions Committee. This committee shall be composed of two (2) members. It shall be their duty to present to the Association such resolutions as Thanks, Gratitude and other such resolutions they shall deem in order.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between the annual meetings in conformity with the expressed decisions of the Association.

Section 5. Any other committee deemed necessary by the Association shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times between Annual Sessions. Those present shall constitute a quorum after all members have been notified. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to give such notice.

#### ARTICLE VIII—Parliamentary Law

Section 1. The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law" where not otherwise specified by this Constitution or its By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX—Doctrinal Statement

The New Testament is the sole authority for the faith and practice of this Association. We believe the Bible is God's Word.

It shall be understood that ministry or membership in this Association means embracing and supporting, along with other Christian tenets equally or comparably vital the following doctrinal emphasis: The Divine inspiration, supremacy, and authority of the Scriptures. The Scripture shall be the Supreme by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

The Deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutional death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and the premillennial coming of Christ; likewise the sovereignty of God, the total depravity of man, the absolute necessity of regeneration; Scriptural believers baptism by immersion, as prerequisite to church membership; the Lord's Supper administered by the local church; the local church as an autonomous body; separated from the world in Christian deportment; the doctrine of the Trinity as Scripturally maintained; the rapture of the church as the Christian's hope; the resurrection of the body of Christians concurrent with the rapture; the earthwide reign of Christ; the ultimate judgment of the impenitent; a heaven of eternal duration for the saved and the eternal punishment in hell for the unsaved.

## ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution may be amended at any Annual session by a vote of two thirds of messengers voting provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Executive Committee two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS

## Article I—Meetings

The Association shall meet on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in August.

## Article II—Duties of Officers

1. Moderator and Vice Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall be members of the Executive Committee and ex officio members of all standing committees. They shall make appointments as provided for in the constitution.

2. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Association and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed minutes of the Association. He shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the Clerks of Churches affiliated with the Association.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipts, and distribution of all monies. He will keep a record of both and make an annual report to the Association.

4. The Sunday School Superintendent shall direct and promote the Sunday School Program.

5. The Training Union Director shall direct and promote the Training Union Program.

6. The Brotherhood President shall direct and promote the Brotherhood Program.



7. W. M. U. President shall direct and promote the W. M. U. Program.
8. The Vacation Bible School Superintendent shall direct and promote the V. B. S. work, encouraging each church to have a V. B. S.
9. The Music Director shall direct and promote the music ministry of the Association. He shall be present to direct the music at each annual meeting and other Associational functions. He shall have power to choose the Association Pianist. The name of the pianist shall be given to the Clerk as soon as possible after choosing.
10. The Chairman of Evangelism shall direct and promote the program of Evangelism in the Association.
11. The Associational Missionary shall work with the pastors and the department heads of the Association. He shall work to the end that all affiliated churches become involved in all Associational endeavor, but shall at no time go beyond the pastors and officers of the church to hold meetings of any nature in the churches.
12. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Brotherhood President, W. M. U. President, V. B. S. Superintendent, Chairman of Evangelism and Associational Missionary shall each give a report at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

### Article III—Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator.
3. No person shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject without the expressed consent of the Association.
4. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator.
5. Any messenger failing to make an assigned report except for a valid reason shall not be assigned to the program for the next Annual Session.
6. All other Decorum not listed here shall be found as provided for the Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1.

### Article IV—Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two thirds vote of messengers voting provided the amendment has been read at least one hour prior to the vote.

## PROCEEDINGS

On August 12, 1980, the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Max West. He welcomed all to Mount Paron Baptist Church which was the host church for the 119th annual session of the association for the first day.

Rev. E. O. Bustle led in prayer. The congregation sang two songs "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Rev. Marvin Saunders had devotional from the 28th chapter of Matthew. The commission that Jesus gave to his disciples. It is up to us to carry on this work. Glad that we can have a part in sending the gospel to other parts of the world. We need to go back to God's

standards. What was sin years ago is still sin today. We need today preachers that will preach God's word. Let's all do our part.

The program was adopted.

12 of the churches were represented the first day.

The new pastors in our association: Rev. Don Foster at Mount Vernon Church, Rev. Burl Jones, at Rock Spring Church, and Rev. E. O. Bustle Interim pastor at Laurel Fork church. Visiting with us was Bill Lamb, from the Evangelism Department of the Baptist State Convention, and also Marvin Smith from Charlotte.

The following reports were all moved for adoption and approved after being read. Some of the following reports were read by other messengers, as some of those appointed were unable to attend.

## EVANGELISM REPORT

Matthew 28:18-20 Evangelism should begin at home then to the uttermost parts of the world. If Evangelism begins at home then where is "at home"? In the local church where you and I attend services.

As we look at our church statistics we can see the downward trend of baptism and Sunday School enrollment and many other factors that point to a lack of growth or maybe we should say a lack of interest in witnessing to others.

Evangelism means telling others about Jesus and his plan of salvation. Surely everyone can see the staggering need to support all our Evangelism programs and the Evangelists that work so diligently to administer them.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Luttrell

We were glad to have with us Bill Lamb to speak following the Evangelism report. We need to be thankful for the things that we have — for our freedom, for opportunity to share Jesus freely. I Corinthians 10:31-33: Whatever we do, do all to the glory of God. We need to live like Jesus. Give no offence to no man. Be no hindrance to no man, magnify Jesus in our churches. We need to strengthen the churches that we have. Build up body of Christ, love one another, be stronger for God. No offence to the church, together we work together to strengthen the church. In verse 33 it says we need a relationship with every person so that that person may be saved. It is very important that we live to the glory of God. Every church is important in the sight of God. Lift up Jesus so that others may know him. 1971-1975 baptisms were up, but in the past two or three years the baptisms have been down. Pray that this year that baptisms be up.

Challenge young people to follow Christ and to know God's will.

February 2 and 3 Statewide Evangelism Conference to be held in Asheville — Theme "Here's Hope" some of the objectives (1) Present gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in North Carolina by 1982. (2) Demonstrate oneness in body of Christ. (3) Recruit, train, and mobilize people in follow up and discipleship training (live by the word of God).

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Bold Mission Thrust is giving through the Cooperative Program. The great commission presents missions as a world wide challenge and responsibility. That includes local, associational, state, home, and foreign mission causes. No missionaries vision is adequate unless it includes all of these. Most Southern Baptist Conven-

tion Ministries are cooperatively supported financially through the Cooperative Program. The Bold Mission Thrust — this magnetic program aim is to plant Baptist in 125 countries and in every country in the United States. Southern Baptist still honor their traditional mission watch word, from Matthew 28: 19-20. Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the father the son and the holy ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world. With modern means they attempt to enact the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Your Cooperative Program dollars make a world of difference by sharing the good news of Jesus to all the world. Matthew 24:46 "Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Lloyd Hoilman

Jim Lambert spoke following this report. We have done things together that we could not do by ourselves. There would have been no Baptist hospital no Children's Home by ourself, but by joining hands and working together we have these things. The Cooperative program is the best way for mission work to get done. Let's trust each other and work together to support our Cooperative program.

## HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is working to help share the gospel of Christ's love with all people in America. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is received for Home Missions with the goal for the 1980 offering being \$15.5 million.

Home Missions work involves giving of ourselves through our time, talents, money, and prayers. It includes reaching out and sharing with others what Christ so richly has shared with us — his love.

Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board are reaching out to Cuban refugees. Relief and resettlement work as well as ministry programs are being carried on for the more than 39,000 refugees that have arrived in the United States since mid-April, Bibles in Spanish have also been distributed. Our support of Home Missions has helped to make this work possible.

"During the May Home Mission Board directors meeting fifty-four persons were approved for home missions service." (Report Vol. 5, June 1980.) Of the fifty-four, there were three missionaries and eleven missionary associates.

Sharing the gospel of Christ's love in America requires a personal commitment from each of us. With Christ as our example, let us examine and renew our commitments to share the love of Jesus Christ. And as we share, let us remember Christ's words in St. John chapter 13 verse 34: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you . . ."

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Triplett

## STATE MISSIONS

A "grass-roots" philosopher has said that everybody on earth is either hurting or fixin' to hurt.

In this one observation he has summed up the human condition, for, if we live, disappointment, grief and broken dreams will sooner or later become part of our experience and that of the approximately 5,604,000 people in our state.

If North Carolina Baptists have correctly understood the heart of God in any

issue, it is in the delicate balance of evangelism and Christian social ministry. North Carolina Missions are simply the accumulated ways Southern Baptist of North Carolina have chosen to reach out to the hurting.

#### 1980 NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING

Goal: \$2,500,000

Ministry	Percent of Offering	Dollars amount if goal is met
A. Children's Homes	30%	\$720,000
Mental Retardation Project		30,000
B. Baptist Hospital	15%	375,000
C. Homes for Aging	15%	375,000
D. Christian Education Scholarships	5%	125,000
E. WMU — Heck Jones	5%	125,000
F. N. C. Baptist Men	3%	75,000
G. State Missions	27%	675,000

#### STATE MISSIONS MINISTRIES (GENERAL BOARD PROGRAMS)

North Carolina Baptists are ministering throughout the state in programs designed for persons with special need. These include the foreign born. Language work is conducted in 17 cities among the Indians, Korean, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese, Vietnamese and Arabic.

Approximately 23,000 migrants come to the state each year to harvest crops. Migrant ministries are conducted in 7 associations.

Tourism is big business in North Carolina. Resort Missions touches the lives of thousands of tourists each year at the beaches, lakes and ski resorts. Approximately 49 million (out of state) tourists come to North Carolina annually.

There are 15,000 plus inmates in correctional facilities in North Carolina. Approximately 600 are women. Ministries to them supported by your contributions are Chaplains, Baptist Men and Baptist Women ministries, Seminary Extension classes and ministry to families of inmates.

Persons who are visually, mentally or aurally handicapped need special attention. Help is being provided to churches in knowing how to structure programs and activities to bring these persons to accept Christ and grow in discipleship. State retreats, camps and conferences are provided for them.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. O. Bustle

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptist outreach to the world through the Foreign Mission Board experienced a good year. Some indicators that this denomination is taking Bold Mission Thrust seriously are encouraging. An event of notable significance in 1979 was the retirement of Baker James Cauthen as executive director. His effective 26 year leadership and dynamic proclaiming of foreign missions have challenged and inspired Southern Baptists.

Churches overseas are stimulated by the Foreign Mission Board and its missionaries, but rather than being extensions of our churches, they stand in fraternal relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. Work and accomplishments are largely those of national churches, leaders, and conventions, with the assistance of missionary co-workers and resources from Southern Baptists.

There were some promising developments in 1979 in countries where evangelism has been difficult. Italy reported a 20 percent increase in baptisms. In Bangladesh, 10 new churches were received into the Baptist Union. Other significant outreach included the sending of home missionaries by Indonesian Baptists and by the Peru convention.

Among important developments in seminary work related to Southern Baptist mission efforts were the reopening of the campus seminary program in Indonesia; approval of the Nigeria seminary for the granting of degrees in affiliation with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; the naming of Dr. Imasogie as the first Nigerian principal of the Nigeria seminary; the first graduates from the seminaries in Liberia and Ecuador; and additional buildings and increased enrollment at a large number of seminaries.

A new theological institute was opened in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Property of the theological college on Barbados was remodeled during the year. The institute in Honduras was upgraded to seminary status. School programs in Italy which have included theological training became the responsibility of the Baptist Union. Theological Education by Extension continued to expand in many places.

New buildings were dedicated at the Pui Ching High School in Hong Kong. Ricks Institute in Liberia had its first junior college graduates. A new building was dedicated at Seinan Jo Gakuin in Japan. Enrollment in the school for health sciences in Gaza reached 75, the largest number ever. Progress in student ministries continued, with the beginning of a student program in Morocco, student work in two new cities of Taiwan, purchase of land for a student center in Upper Volta, and appointment of three Indonesian directors for student centers in that land.

Baptist medical work serves the physical needs of thousands of people who would otherwise be neglected and often opens strategic doors for evangelism. Health Care ministries in 20 hospitals constitute an important segment of Southern Baptist overseas mission work.

In 1979, Southern Baptists' contributions for foreign missions totalled \$74,976,749. For the calendar year Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts amounted to \$36,217,473. The 1980 offering goal is \$45,000,000.

Approximately 50 percent of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program funds is made available annually for foreign missions. Still urgently needed on overseas fields are land, buildings, and equipment, amounting to several million dollars' worth. As the overall missionary personnel picture begins to express new boldness, the financing for world missions must also show a bold new thrust.

Respectfully submitted,  
Winifred Hampton

Jim Lambert spoke following the reports on Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions. He thanked the people for the support through the state missions offering. The mission offering is crucial for the 6 institutions. God has blessed our mission work. We will realize one day that missions has been supporting us.

## REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1980

During the past year, our hospital has again received accreditation for the maximum period, two years, by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals. Only



about one-third of the hospitals in the nation receive the full two-year accreditation.

Our hospital is constantly upgrading its staff, facilities and equipment. In recent months, a carbon dioxide surgical laser has been added. The laser emits an invisible beam of light which vaporizes tissue, cutting and coagulating at the same time. It is used now for delicate surgery of the larynx, upper respiratory tract, and lung. It has potential, also, for surgery of other internal organs.

New ultrasound equipment provides improved accuracy in determining location and degrees of blocked arteries. The department of dentistry is being expanded to meet an increasing need for specialty dental services. An occupational therapist has been added to the staff to help patients recover functional skills lost through accident or disease. A new instrument has been acquired for testing infants with suspected hearing loss.

The financial counseling section is now better prepared to assist those who need its services. Through a special arrangement with the Forsyth County Social Services Department, social workers and a counselor for the state's Crippled Children's Program are now stationed in the hospital and are immediately available to patients.

The staff and trustees continue to make every effort to keep operating costs as low as possible. In this connection, our hospital recently became a charter member of the Sun Alliance, an organization of 22 large hospitals in nine southeastern states. A primary purpose of the alliance is to keep operating costs (and consequently, patient charges) as low as possible through group purchasing of capital equipment, the development and sharing of comparative data and management information, and possible group arrangements with specialized consultants.

The Department of Pastoral Care continues to provide a pastoral ministry to hospital patients and their families, individual and group counseling in crisis situations, clinical pastoral education at several levels, and numerous events in human enrichment and development. During the past year, the department has begun a Minister's Care Plan, in which the Baptist State Convention provides financial assistance for ministers and/or their families who seek pastoral counseling through one of the department's regional centers. Also, the position of Chaplain to Medical Students has been elevated to a staff/faculty position.

Construction of the Focus Building, on the site of the Old Main building which was torn down two years ago, is almost complete. Several departments of the Medical Center will be occupying this building in the near future.

The hospital staff is grateful to the Baptists of North Carolina for continuing financial support. During 1979, the hospital received \$400,500 through the Co-operative Program, and \$357,517 through the North Carolina Missions Offering and designated gifts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mamie Craig

Calvin Knight spoke briefly following the Hospital Report. The Mission offering has been successful. It is a good method of support. There are three possible approaches to healing. 1. Faith 2. Discoveries of Science 3. In between these two is medical science and faith. Healing power is of God. The doctors do all they can and the rest is left up to God. We need God's power and help in being able to use ourselves to help others.

Before the annual sermon the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. Jim Lambert read from the 25 chapter of Matthew verses 31-40.

Its in our hands the business of response to the Lord Jesus Christ. What are we able to do with it? Are we equipped? It's up to you. If we believe Jesus saves, we



ought to be disciples. We are a minority. It is great to be a Christian, but let's witness to others also. A challenge for each of us to get our heads out of the sand. The world is at our doorstep. We have the responsibility of being missionary, go and compel the people to come in. Take the gospel and preach it today. Let's not be squeezed into a mold, it is easier not to be different. We must be remolded from within.

We need to be a creative minority. Have a vision of a waiting world. Maintain presence of salt and light that Jesus taught us to. Church growth — there are all kinds of possibilities that we can work together to train our people. We need the concern and care for the people on the outside.

Benediction: Rev. Harold Danner.

Dismissed for Lunch.

After we all enjoyed a wonderfully prepared lunch and had a good time of fellowship we assembled for the afternoon session with the congregation singing "When the roll is called up Yonder."

Rev. Don Foster had devotional reading from the 12th chapter of Romans verses 1 and 2. We need to be addicted to Jesus, need to live lives that we couldn't live without Jesus. Go from this place today and be addicted to Christ.

We welcomed the visitors Lawrence and Charles Fox.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Attitude differs widely among the Southern Baptist as to what constitutes education. One views it only as being intellectual, and others as sharpening their skills, and yet another sees it as a tool God can use in one he has called as his own to serve him more effectively. This should be a binding force as we Baptist talk of Christian Education.

This is a time when our nation desperately needs to return to the values and morals it was founded upon. Institutions of Christian education can be used as one of the few instruments available to instill a wide scale promotion of Christian principles. North Carolina Baptists have several institutions of higher education; namely, Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest, and Wingate. They seek to implement Christian excellence, provide environments in which Christianity is practiced and Christian values as an option for each student in directing his or her life's goals. Schools' goals are to encourage graduates to retain our Christian heritage, be strong advocates of justice, righteousness and freedom; and have the opportunity to learn historically what the moral and ethical values of mankind have been. These goals have become more difficult due to the break up of the traditional home and family.

The challenges for colleges is tremendous in the 1980's. Spiraling operating costs, declining enrollment, inflation, scarcity of contributions, career uncertainties, declining birthrate, denominational relations, and other factors contribute to the challenges North Carolina Baptist schools face, according to presidents of the institutions. Those who have had fore-sight and will state what they stand for are the ones who will thrive and survive in the 80's.

The roles of the local church will be most important for a successful decade. One of the primary roles the church can play is to inform their students and assure that the student gives consideration to a Baptist College. Churches' interest, prayers,

and expectations serve to encourage those in positions of leadership. North Carolina Baptist can increase their financial support through the Cooperative Program and North Carolina Missions Offering.

"Churches of the North Carolina convention provide the perspective, the context, attitude, and indeed the whole domain of our educational enterprise," says Craven E. Williams of Gardner-Webb College. He says the people are encouraged to use the groups and services available to them through the institutions.

We must ask ourselves the question, What will be the tone, temper, and moral condition of this nation if its Christian colleges close? Can we afford to lose them? No! We must resolve to do what we can to preserve and strengthen our colleges if we believe Christian colleges can strengthen America and promote God's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Greene

## REPORT OF THE BIBLICAL RECORDER TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1980

Faced with the same inflationary pressures that every family has these days, the RECORDER has managed to get through another year without an increase in subscription rates. A church can still send the RECORDER to resident families for only 7¢ a week per family, less than half the cost of a first class stamp and the best bargain in Christian literature to be found anywhere. Thus the RECORDER is doing its best to hold the line by getting out a good paper at reasonable cost.

It has been another newsworthy year for Baptists and the RECORDER has stayed on top of all that's happening. At the State Convention last November in Winston-Salem, a new relationship between the convention and Wake Forest University was approved. Messengers who attended were well informed and the issue was settled without serious division or controversy. This is just one illustration of how the RECORDER informs North Carolina Baptists on vital matters affecting them. Nothing can take its place, certainly not the secular press which has so many denominations to cover.

Even though it was not a Baptist issue, the RECORDER was able to set the record straight on an anonymous petition being circulated about a film supposedly about "the sex life of Jesus." Not only did the RECORDER run news stories and editorials on this matter, it responded to numerous telephone calls. It was able to tell people the truth about something that never did take place — and the story was at least four years old anyhow.

Never has there been more misinformation circulated among our Baptist people. Those who do not receive the RECORDER are easy victims for all types of misleading stories and rumors. Add to this the deliberate efforts of some groups to siphon off the loyalties and money of Baptist people and there's a strong case for sending the RECORDER to every church family. See that your church makes this move in the coming year.

Submitted by  
Shelby J. Miller  
J. Marse Grant, Editor  
BIBLICAL RECORDER

Bill Lamb spoke following these reports. By cooperating together we can do things that we could not do by ourselves. Our association can do things together that the local church could not do. Some of the things that we have and support are — Childrens home, Baptist Hospital, Seven Colleges, Fruitland, Baptist paper, Baptist Homes, and etc. By cooperating together we help support these institutions. We need to pray. Encouraged us to visit any of the Children's Homes, Baptist homes, etc. and you will see missions work here at home and you will see where your mission money is going and what it is doing.

## STEWARDSHIP

In 1979, the number of tithers in the 35,605 Southern Baptist churches increased by 8,095 to a total of 1,566,459 persons. In addition, thousands of others increased their percentage of giving to their churches. For the first time in history, Southern Baptists gave \$2.1 billion to their churches, a 12.3 percent increase from the 1.87 billion given the year before.

Tithing is biblical and is spiritually enriching. The familiar verse of scripture in Malachi 3:10 immediately flashes in the mind of the active church member; "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open up the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

How great it would be if all 13.4 million Southern Baptists could catch a vision of the joy of giving at least 10 percent of their income to the work of God through the churches.

Jesus taught that stewardship is more than the precise practice of the tithe, but he did encourage the tithe (Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42). In the same way individual church members are expected to be Christian stewards, individual churches are to be stewards of their resources in support of world missions. The Cooperative Program is the main channel of our mission support. "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecil Wood

Cecil Fox a pastor in Madison County encouraged each church to participate in the Annuity Board. Approximate cost is \$33.34.

Marvin Saunders also told how the church had put him in the Annuity Board program and he was glad that they had. He is now experiencing retirement.

## N. C. BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation is working to support the Lord's ministry through institutions, missionaries and many other ways. Which are brought about through Baptists placing securities, property, or cash in the trust fund. Which will all reach beyond the lifetime of the donor.

In Matthew 25 we read the parable of the talents-one servant was trusted with one, he had gained nothing beside it, and when his master returned he expected the return of the talent plus usury.

The Baptist Foundation is a sure way to place your talents whereby they will continue to gain usury, even after the lifetime of the donor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Woodie

## THE REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Eight times in the New Testament, the church is called the church of God. Paul speaks of the church of Jesus Christ. If, therefore, we constitute the church of God rather than a church originated in the mind of man, we might ask ourselves the question, "What is the purpose of the church today?" Our Lord instituted His church because He had something for the church to accomplish in this world. As the body of Christ, He speaks through our lips, He ministers by our hands, and moves only as our feet move at His bidding. The church is God's instrument for reaching the world today.

One church alone could not possibly accomplish the enormous task before us. However, through the bonds of love, fellowship, and cooperation of all the churches which make up the Stony Fork Association, we may go into all the world, making disciples of all nations, and teaching them to observe all things that Christ has commanded us.

In the light of the perilous conditions in our times, it is of great importance that we work together for the on going of God's Kingdom in this world. It is needed that we as individuals, as churches, and as Baptists, reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ; and that we carry with our affirmation, dedication, commitment, and action. As we go out with love and fire for God, speaking the truth with compassion, the Lord will bless our efforts. The response, readiness, and willingness on the part of each Christian will determine our accomplishments for Christ.

This report covers only six months of service as your missionary. As I begin this new field of service, it is my desire that each church will call upon me when I can render service in any way. I am your co-laborer in Christ, and as such, pray that I will be able to undergird the churches in the great mission endeavor which we face today.

It has been a joy and privilege to have part in the work as follows:

Churches Visited . . . . .	23
Sermons Preached . . . . .	8
Hospital and Home Visitation . . . . .	25
Funerals . . . . .	2
Associational Meetings . . . . .	6
State Meetings . . . . .	4
Newsletters . . . . .	255

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mileage . . . . .	5,188
Car Expense . . . . .	\$627.26
Secretary . . . . .	166.58
Food Expense . . . . .	228.69
Telephone Expense . . . . .	21.17
Utilities . . . . .	513.00
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	\$1,556.70

I wish to express my appreciation to each church of the association for the confidence you have placed in me by extending to me the opportunity to serve as your missionary, and for the interest and concern you have expressed in behalf

of the work. Do continue to pray for the Association and for your missionary.

Let us attempt greater things for the Lord in the coming year as we are found faithful to the heavenly call to warn, to witness, and to win the lost for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rayner Matheson

Discussion:

Offering for World Hunger \$116.16 was taken up at Mount Paron.

Rev. Roscoe Greene appreciated and enjoyed the day. Appreciated the young people. Ask that we pray for Mount Paron. Ask the Lord's blessing on the congregation as they leave. No other business this ended the first day of the association. Rev. Theo Hendrix, Prayer.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the second day of the annual session of the Stony Fork Association together at New Hopewell Baptist Church, on August 13, 1980.

Prayer by Rev. Rayner Matheson. Bill and Edith Vines members of New Hopewell Baptist Church welcomed all to New Hopewell. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus." Rev. Phillip Martin had devotional reading from Psalm 1: verses 1-6. Comments: Live in accordance to God's will. Our lives can be enriched by being at this church today.

## WMU REPORT

Acts 18:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision. Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace. Are we not afraid to speak out for our Lord and our beliefs and hold our peace when we should be bold and unafraid? Every Baptist Woman should be bold in her prayer, tithing and time. Our WMU annual meeting was held at Rock Spring on May 1, 1980. Dr. Rodney C. Lovett of Boone was our speaker. He showed slides and told of his work in the refugee camps in Cambodia. We sent \$100.00 to the world relief in Dr. Lovett's name. Our officers were approved for the coming year.

We elected to change our council meetings and meet at a local steak house for a dutch treat dinner. This was successful and we will continue to meet at different places as long as participation is good.

The associational WMU also decided to take an offering at our council meetings to use for worth while projects. Our first offering was given to Mr. Basil Tester to help on his medical expenses. Our Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong goals continue to be met by all the churches reporting. The WMU continues to support the Broyhill Home and to tithe to the cooperative program. Our only new organization for the year was a GA's at Mount Ephriam. If there is a church here who would like to start a WMU, GA, Acteens or Mission Friends just let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Mills

## TEMPERANCE AND MORALS

I believe the Christian movement of today would have a far more impact on the lost if more of our church people would live a more concentrated life as a Christian. Lost people are looking at us as examples of the life of Christ. If we fail in our effort to lead them to Jesus, many will miss heaven.

I feel sure each of us would desire to see more people saved, but are we really willing to give our lives to clean Christian everyday living? With this kind of dedication to our Lord, we would also enjoy the abundant life God has and desires for us in Christ. We feel our church fields around Blowing Rock will be greatly affected by losing the vote last week on liquor by the drink in the small town. I feel many who live here in the summer had a lot to do with the outcome of the vote. It's sad when outsiders control the way a small town is run, but let's remember our citizenship is in a country where sin will never dominate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phillip Martin

Rev. E. O. Bustle spoke following Mr. Martin's report he was glad to be able to be with us and to fellowship with all. Told of some of the things that liquor can do to a person. Be much in prayer for our country.

D. P. McFarland, Christian Action League Executive Director was present with us. He has worked with the Christian Action League for 20 years. The Christian Action League is working for you. They are seeking to solve many of the problems that arise from the use of alcohol. If you would like to know more about the League and some of the things they are doing you can subscribe to TOMORROW by writing The Christian Action League of N. C., Box 2126, Raleigh, N. C. 27602, \$1.00 per year subscription price.

Roll call — 9 churches represented

Recognition of visitors, Rex Campbell, from Mills Home.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Concern for others and a willingness to work were key attributes in the lives of the first Vacation Bible School worker. Mrs. Walker Hawes, wife of a New York City's East Side physician, became aware of immigrant children who had nothing to do but play in the streets during their summer vacation. In July 1898 she opened her first everyday Bible School in a beer garden (not in use during the day), the only place she could find and for which she paid \$25.00 a month for rent. This idea grew into what we now know as "Church" Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School is a proven means of reaching people for Christ, therefore Southern Baptists have placed a greater emphasis on evangelism. Vacation Bible School is now promoted for people of all ages and especially focuses on reaching the unchurched of the community. God has blessed many of our churches in the Stony Fork Association with good Vacation Bible Schools this year. We have 10 churches reporting schools with a total enrollment of 593. It is our prayer that all churches in the association will make every effort to conduct schools in 1981. It is not too early to begin planning toward this goal. Let's all pray for God's leadership and then put forth more effort in the coming year than ever before toward reaching out to those who don't know Christ. If at any time your church needs



assistance in your Vacation Bible School we hope you will feel free to call on your Associational VBS Director.

Again your Associational VBS Team was privileged to attend the state VBS clinic. This year it was held at First Baptist Church in Wilkesboro. There we enjoyed the fellowship of other Christians who see the need to teach others about Christ and received much helpful information on materials, ideas, etc. for Vacation Bible School.

A very special thanks goes to Eunice Luttrell, Brenda Danner, Jo Ann Bolick, Donna Vannoy, Mamie Craig, Shelby Miller, Linda Mills, Opal Cox, and Rev. Rayner Matheson, all who devoted their time and efforts in both the state and associational clinics.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edith Gryder

## FINANCE REPORT

In treasury in 1979	642.48
Paid for minutes	442.00
Clerk	100.00
Paid out for VBS Materials	114.49
Baptist State Conv. reimbursed	33.92
Total paid for VBS Materials	80.57
Total Expenditures	642.57
Sandy Flat Church sent Association	245.19
Boone Fork Church sent Association	120.00
Bailey Camp Church sent Association	150.17
Doe Ridge Church sent Association	15.00
Private Donations	50.00
Boone Fork sent Associational Clerk	20.00

## TOTAL PAID IN FOR MINUTES IN 1980

Baileys Camp	26.25
Boone Fork	25.00
Doe Ridge	20.00
Laurel Fork	60.00
Laytown	15.00
Longridge	15.00
Mount Ephriam	12.00
Mount Paron	30.00
Mount Vernon	100.00
New Hopewell	0
Rock Spring	30.00
Sandy Flat	25.00
Watauga	0
Yellow Hill	15.00
TOTAL	373.25

## TOTALS PAID IN FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Boone Fork	450.00
Laurel Fork	350.00
Long Ridge	60.00
Mount Ephriam	550.00
Mount Vernon	350.00
Rock Spring	200.00
Laytown	300.00
Total from churches	2,260.00
Baptist State Convention	1,166.67
TOTAL	3,426.69

## TOTAL PAID TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY January-July 1980

Salary	2,600.00
Program Expense (Evangelism)	200.00
Newsletter & Postage	250.00
Miscellaneous expense	11.29
TOTAL	3,061.29

## WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

Baileys Camp	150.00
Mount Ephriam	150.00
Laurel Fork	150.00
Sandy Flat	150.00
Mount Vernon	150.00
TOTAL	750.00

Churches that sent in money after the Calendar year for World Mission Conference will be on next year's finance report.

\$116.16 taken up at Mount Paron August 12, for World Hunger.

TOTAL IN TREASURY AS OF AUGUST 1980	2,463.38
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## ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH TRAINING

Church Training is an integral part of the Bold Mission Thrust of the Association. It is called upon to train the present and future teachers and leaders of our churches. The Church Training Program is not in competition with other programs that are carried on in a church but is designed to enhance them.

The Church Training Program deals with four areas of study. They are Christian Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Christian History and Church Policy and Organization.

However, many other training areas are taught, depending on the individual church. A training program can be tailored to meet the needs of any congregation.

There are only seven churches in our association that reported any Church Training programs last year. That means that nine of our churches are not training their people to be well informed teachers and leaders.

During my participation in the state-wide Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest in May, I was asked to set goals for the Association Church Training Program. I have set the following goals:

1. My personal goal is to visit every church in the Association at least once during the coming year.

2. Make each of the Church Training directors aware of the various resources available to them in church training.

I ask each church to set goals for your Church Training program this year. Aim high and the Lord will bless you for it. With your help this will be the best Church Training year ever.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Gryder, Director

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION 1980

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated is an Institution of the Baptist State Convention and provides a Christian ministry of child care and family services.

During the past three years, members of the Board of Trustees and members of the administrative staff of the homes completed an indepth evaluation of the institution's total program of services. We share three significant statements from that report.

"The advancement of this mission and ministry requires (1) wise and resourceful leadership, (2) a well trained and highly skilled staff who really care for children, (3) a carefully planned program of child care and family services, (4) appropriate physical facilities, (5) adequate funds and sound fiscal policy, and (6) the confidence and support of an informed and devoted constituency."

"At this time the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated is in a position of strength. This strength comes ultimately from God and is discoverable in the commitment, the competence, and the faithful work of His people engaged in this ministry."

"This is not a time for complacency in child care and family services in North Carolina. It is a time for rigorous study, reflective planning, earnest prayer, and courageous action."

Progress is being made in implementing recommendations from the Trustee Evaluation more adequately to make all services of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina readily available to people who need our help anywhere in the State. Nine Family Services areas are being designated as follows: Asheville, Charlotte, Thomasville, Kinston, Pembroke, Raleigh, Hickory, Jacksonville and Ahoskie.

The lives of more than forty-five hundred people were affected in a significant way by the services of the Children's Homes during the past year. Fifteen hundred

of these were children for whom you helped to provide care and related services. While serving children and young people, work was being done with important adults in their lives.

Necessary to the fulfillment of the mission of the Children's Homes are "people" resources, financial resources and spiritual resources. We are blessed with all of these. You, along with many other friends, assure us of your continuing concern for the well-being of neglected and dependent children through your prayers, through your giving and through various types of involvement. Members of our Board of Trustees and members of our staff, with your assistance, are dedicated to a continuing christian ministry to children and members of their families.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Craig

Glad to have Rex Campbell with us from the Children's Home. He had enjoyed the reports on Church Training and the Children's Home.

Baptist Children's Homes programs are organized statewide into Family Service Centers so that all services of this institution can be made available on a local basis. The commitment is to strengthen families in crisis. The idea always is to prevent crisis whenever possible. For 1980, North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes will receive 30% of North Carolina Missions Offering which is estimated to be \$720,000. An additional \$30,000 is designated to assist in developing a three year pilot program of care for handicapped adults.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

At the present time 684,000 people are enrolled in Sunday School in North Carolina. 1054 of this number from the Stony Fork Association. The Bold Missions challenged to enroll 150,000 new members in Bible study by 1982 is being implemented through renewed awareness that a comprehensive Bible teaching program is an effective tool for reaching new converts. To insure growth in teaching quality it is imperative that each Sunday School director and teacher get the proper training. As Associational director it is my desire to see all the Sunday Schools grow in number as well as quality. Such a short time is allowed to serious Bible study, we should utilize every moment of the Sunday School hour. Sunday School leadership training will be offered in October at Mount Vernon Church. I urge each Sunday School worker from every church in the Association to attend this important training session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Woods

## REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Since its founding 164 years ago, the American Bible Society has offered the peoples of the world more than 3 billion opportunities to read at least some portion of God's Word. Starting out with a distribution of 6,410 Bibles in 1816, the ABS has through the years steadily increased its ministry of sharing the scriptures to reach its current annual distribution rate of more than 250 million Bibles, New Testaments, Portions and Selections.

In many overseas areas there were extremely encouraging increases in the number of people reached with God's Word. Following are some of the highlights of the Bible work made possible through your gifts in 1979.

## AFRICA

It is a joy to report that more than one million Scriptures reached the people of Uganda during the year (an increase of 90 per cent). A 490 per cent increase in distribution was experienced throughout Angola due in large measure to the introduction of New Reader Scriptures; a 211 per cent increase in Cameroun where there is a great thirst for the word of God caused by revival movements throughout the country; and a 298 per cent increase in North Africa made possible by a wide acceptance of the new Today's Arabic Version of the Scriptures.

## ASIA

Four areas of Asia more than doubled their distribution of Scriptures in 1979 over 1978: Burma, Nepal, New Guinea and Syria. Particularly encouraging was the circulation of Bibles throughout Burma which rose from 3,995 to 6,532 and the sharing of New Testaments from 389 to 1,142. Syria's distribution was up 115 per cent due also to the demand for selections in the new common language Arabic translation, and circulation in Pakistan rose 99.7 per cent as a result of mass distribution campaigns carried out by teams of Bible Society workers.

The American Bible Society has shipped 10,000 Bibles to Cuba with the full approval of the Castro government. The new popular version Bible, translated "God Speaks Today," is in the everyday Spanish which is spoken by millions of Cubans. The Bibles were shipped to Cuba from a Scripture distribution center in Mexico City. Cuba has had a shortage of Bibles since 1968, when the Bible Society in Cuba was shut down. The 10,000 Bibles represent one of the largest shipments to that country in many years. Within the last ten years only 22,500 Bibles have been exported to Cuba from various sources.

## LATIN AMERICA

The newly published complete Bible in Spanish helped to achieve a 10 per cent increase in Bible distribution in Latin America. The efforts of Latin American Bible Societies to provide Scriptures, which even people with limited reading ability could read, were reflected in the 15 per cent increase in the circulation of New Reader Scripture Selections. In many countries, such as Brazil, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and Peru, these Scriptures as well as New Reader Portions are being used in the public schools.

## EUROPE

The most significant developments in Bible work during 1979 occurred in Eastern Europe. 362,050 Scriptures were circulated in 1979 by the Bible Societies, a 59 per cent increase over the distribution in 1978. This success in Eastern Europe contributed to an overall increase of 27.5 per cent in the distribution of New Testaments throughout all of Europe and a 17.7 per cent increase in the circulation of complete Bibles.

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## THE UNITED STATES

The American Bible Society distributed 108,882,672 Scriptures in the United States alone during 1979. Among the larger provisions of Scriptures throughout the year were 260,000 Scripture Portions distributed by the Alabama Baptist Convention in a campaign to reach every home in the state with some part of God's word. Another 120,000 special imprinted portions in English, Spanish and Navajo were distributed by the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

Other distribution projects in which ABS subsidized Scriptures were used varied from 40 English/Russian Sermon on the Mount Selections presented to Russian students by the Baptist Student Union at Georgia Tech to 277,000 Luke-Acts Portions prepared for Baptists in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Other special publications included an edition of the Selection entitled "Good News for Mississippi" for the Mississippi Baptist Convention and a Spanish edition of the "Discovery" New Testament with 31 pages of study aids for National Student Ministries.

## TRANSLATIONS

Twenty-seven languages were added in 1979 to the list of languages and dialects in which at least one book of the Bible has been published. The number of languages in which at least one book of the Bible has been published as of December 1979 was 1,685.

## NEW READER SCRIPTURES

By the end of 1979 New Reader Scripture Selections had been published in 228 languages. Translation of these booklets had been completed in 315 languages and was proceeding in an additional 84 languages. New Reader Scriptures accounted for almost 10 per cent of the distribution throughout Latin America; 15 per cent of the Scriptures distributed throughout Asia and 18 per cent of the Scriptures in Africa.

## VOLUNTEERS

The number of dedicated Christians who are devoting both time and effort to the Bible cause rose to over 35,000 Volunteers in 1979. More than 13,000 of these Volunteers are Church Representatives who actively promote American Bible Society Scriptures and programs in their local churches. Over 2,600 Volunteers maintain Scripture Courtesy Centers in their homes or business establishments where ABS Scriptures can be purchased by the general public.

## THE THANKS OF MILLIONS!

The tremendous advances achieved for the Bible cause during 1979 were made possible because of gifts received from organizations such as the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1979 S. B. C. gave 286,200 — we convey the heartfelt thanks of



millions of people around the world who, because of you, are discovering for the first time the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.

But so much more needs to be done and could be done if Southern Baptists would just increase their per capita giving from \$0.022 to \$0.04 annually.

The ABS asks that Bold Mission Thrust be just as bold in Scripture distribution as in other areas of mission work. Only then can we be certain of having the Scriptures available that the Southern Baptists need around the world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur C. Borden  
Secretary, Church Relations

N. B. For a full report, please see the Annual Report of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1979.

The congregation sang "Standing On The Promises." Following was the annual message by Rev. Burl Jones, reading from Joshua chapter 24, verses 14-25. "Old Time Religion." Said he did not have the enthusiasm or the desire that he had five years ago, the problem may be me. God doesn't change. He is the same as he was five years ago. Tried to cling to the past. That is not sufficient for today. Today is a new day. Don't cling to the past, look for new things. We must have love, compassion and a vision. Unity and one accord is the only way we can come together to accomplish this. Faith for a new day, choose whom ye will serve, a great choice to make. God is a holy God, also a jealous God. Present your life to him and be a servant of mankind. Urged the leaders in the association to present ourselves to God and then let Him use us.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Executive Committee met four times during the past year. August 26, 1979 the Executive Committee met at Mount Vernon Church, we decided to add the American Bible Society Report to our program and also add the Executive Committee members to the annuals.

January 13, 1980-February 26, 1980 a meeting of the Sunday School Workers of each church and pastor were invited to a dinner meeting with a speaker concerning our Sunday Schools in our association. In October there will be another meeting of the Sunday School teachers. Decided to participate in the World Mission Conference August 28-31.

Missions Committee presented Rev. Rayner Matheson to the Executive Committee to serve as Associational Missionary. The Executive Committee accepted Rev. Matheson as Associational Missionary effective date January 14, 1980.

April 13, 1980, The Executive Committee met at Mount Vernon Church. The 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Baptist State Convention will be held at Daniel Boone Inn. The Pastor and two lay leaders are invited to attend. Had the Sunday School Conference May 25 at Mount Vernon with Robert Stewart. Suggested that a love offering be taken up in the churches for Rev. Basil Tester. About \$1,400.00 was taken up. Many thanks from the family.

July 13, 1980 Need one member to serve on the General Board, this was put off until the annual associational meeting in August. Announcements: Sunday School

Workers Clinic will be held at Mount Vernon Church October 20-21 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Read the letter of resignation from Brother Matheson. The Executive Committee did not accept the resignation. Rev. Matheson decided to continue as associational Missionary.

## RESOLUTIONS

We would like to thank the people of Mount Paron and New Hopewell churches for the Christian fellowship shown to the visitors and delegates of the Stony Fork Association. We also take the opportunity to thank each one for taking part in our meeting.

Our appreciation goes out to the ladies who prepared the wonderful food each day. The Christian fellowship shown at each church has made each session a blessing to all who attended.

Let us, the people of each church of the Stony Fork Association resolve to work harder and in closer fellowship with each other in the coming year so that more souls may be won to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

## OBITUARIES

Since our last association twelve of our beloved members have passed away: Mr. Walter Culler (deacon) from Doe Ridge; Mrs. Lois Greene and Mr. Grant Hodges from Laurel Fork; Mr. George Holt from Laytown; Mrs. Vinnie Hodges from Mount Ephriam; Mr. Glenn Hayes and Mrs. Iola Edmisten from Mount Vernon; Mr. Roddie Gragg from New Hopewell; Mrs. Ida Fox Stines from Watauga; Mr. Coy Church (deacon), Mr. Ciscero Michael and Mrs. Pansy Phillips from Yellow Hill.

Submitted in loving memory of those gone on to be with the Lord.

## TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

August 11, 1981 — Rock Spring Church, Annual message — Rev. Cannon Ward, alternate — Rev. Max West.

August 12, 1981 — Sandy Flat Church, Annual message — Rev. Ira Walker, alternate — Rev. Rayner Matheson.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Don Foster, Moderator; Burl Jones, Vice-Moderator; Barbara West, Clerk; Eunice Luttrell, Treasurer.

Discussion: Clerk's salary \$100.00, treasurers salary \$100.00.

Roy Gryder was recommended to serve on the General Board. The proposed budget for next year was read and accepted.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction Rev. Rayner Matheson

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

M Night	October 5, 1980	To be announced
Executive Meeting	November 9, 1980 2:30	Mount Vernon
WMU Council Meeting	November 29, 1980	
Executive Meeting	March 8, 1981 2:30	Mount Vernon
WMU Council Meeting	May 7, 1981	Sandy Flat
WMU Council Meeting	May 30, 1981	
Executive Meeting	July 12, 1981 2:30	Mount Vernon
Annual Associational Meeting	August 11, 1981	Rock Spring
Annual Associational Meeting	August 12, 1981	Sandy Flat
WMU Council Meeting	August 29, 1981	
WMU Council Meeting	November 28, 1981	

WMU meetings have been changed to Saturday night before the 5th Sunday and will be at various places to be determined by members.

## HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting			
	House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1965 Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1965 Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966 Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1966 Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1967 Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1967 New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1968 Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1968 Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1969 Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1969 Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1970 Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1970 Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1971 Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Tu:byfill
1971 Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1972 Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
1972 Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1973 Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
1973 New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1974 Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
1974 Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1975 Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
1975 Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1976 Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1976 Doe Ridge			Loyd Hoilman
1977 Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
1977 Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West

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1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.



## TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

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TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING

TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING		YEAR ENDING July 31		1980													New Church Member Training Participation												
Association		State		City		State		Zip		(Month & Day)																			
Stony Fork		North Carolina		Blowing Rock		NC		28605																					
North Carolina		Blowing Rock		Blowing Rock		NC		28605																					
Rox Gryder		Blowing Rock		Blowing Rock		NC		28605																					
Rt. 1, Box 182		Blowing Rock		Blowing Rock		NC		28605																					
CHURCHES		CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)		Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)		Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)		Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)		Adult enrollment (18 and over)		Equipping Centers enrollment		Hold File enrollment		General officers enrollment		Enrollment of mission(s) of church		Total Church Training enrollment		Average weekly Church Training attendance		Children		Youth		Adult	
	Bailey's Camp	Randall Silvers, Rt. 8, Lenoir, NC 28645		1	4	13	34	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Boone Fork	Don Harrison, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605		3	15	10	10												38	35									
	Doe Ridge																												
	Laurel Fork	Cecil Wood, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, NC 28605		4	8	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	39	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Laytown																												
	Long Ridge																												
	Mount Ephriam																												
	Mount Paron																												
	Mount Vernon	Don Butler, Brown Chapel Road, Boone, NC 28607		10	8	25	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	New Hopewell																												
	Rock Spring																												
	Sandy Flat	Michael Moody, Rt. 1, Box 294, Blowing Rock, NC 28605		4	2	4	18	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Watauga																												
	Yellow Hill																												
	TOTALS			18	37	56	110	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	226	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		



TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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### TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES

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